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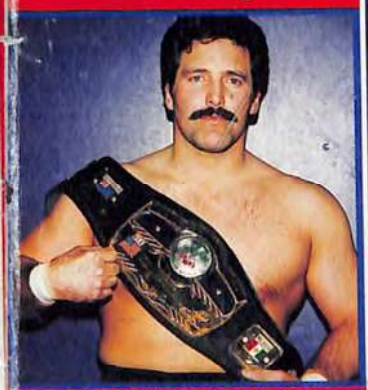

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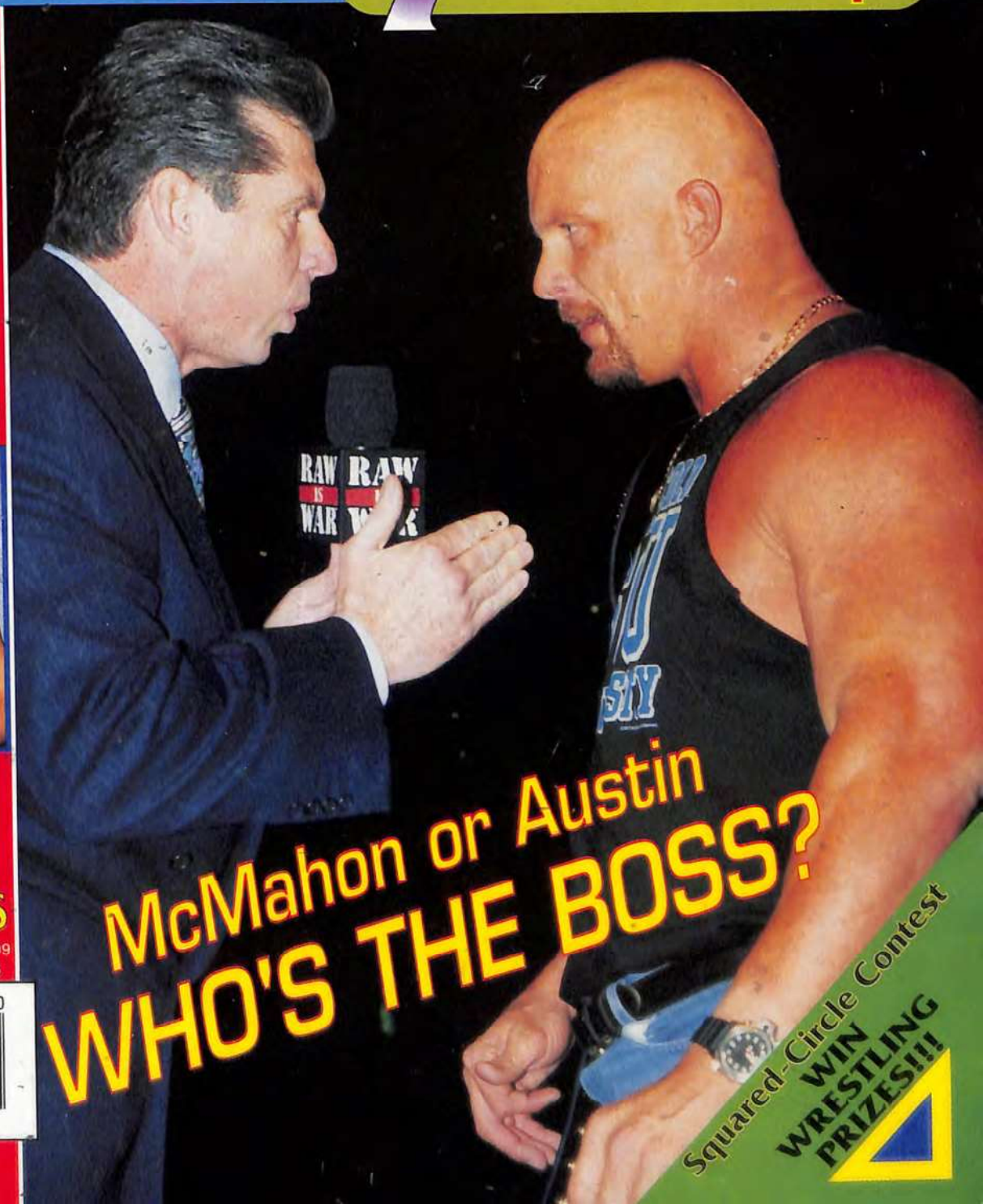

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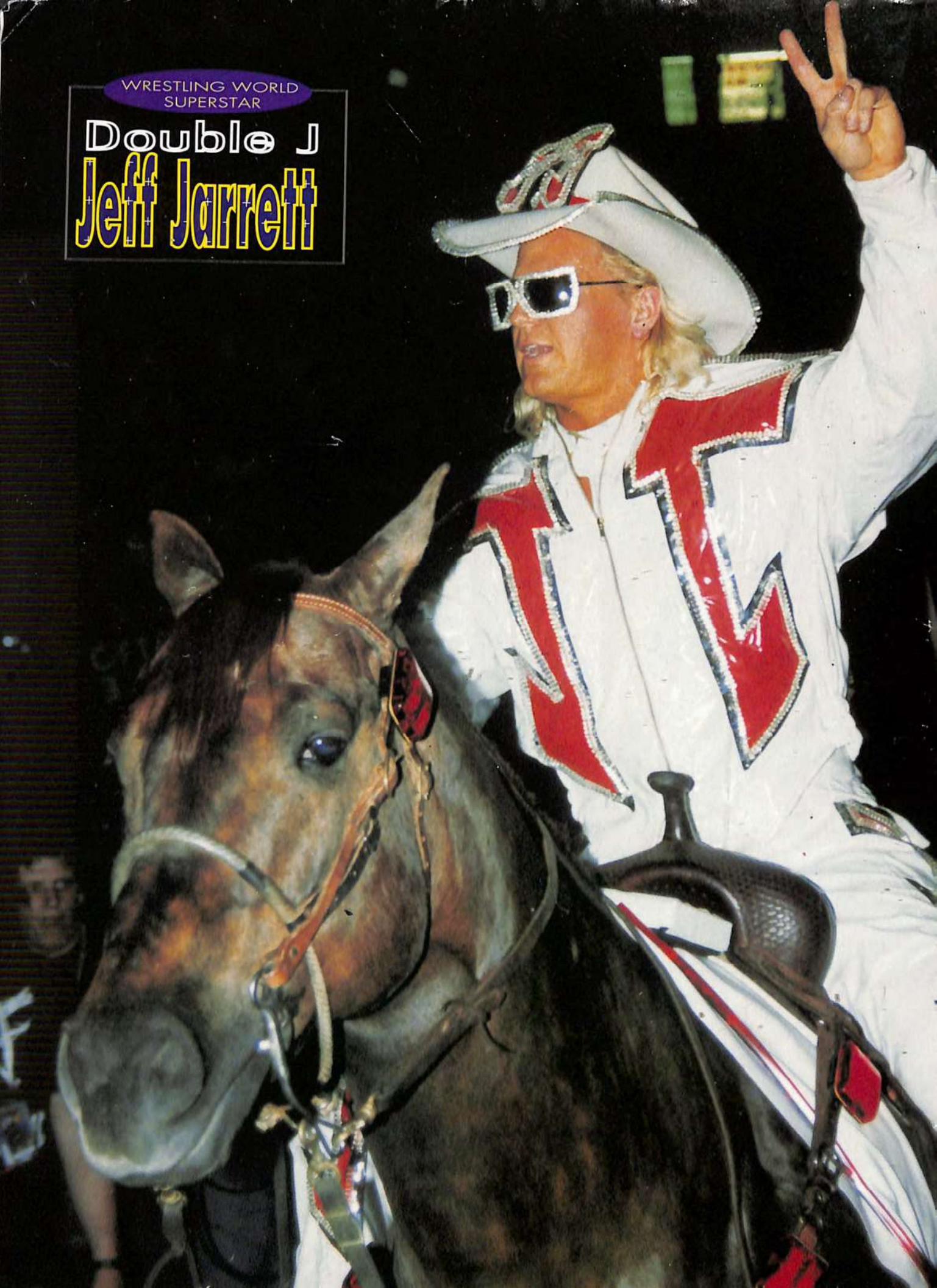
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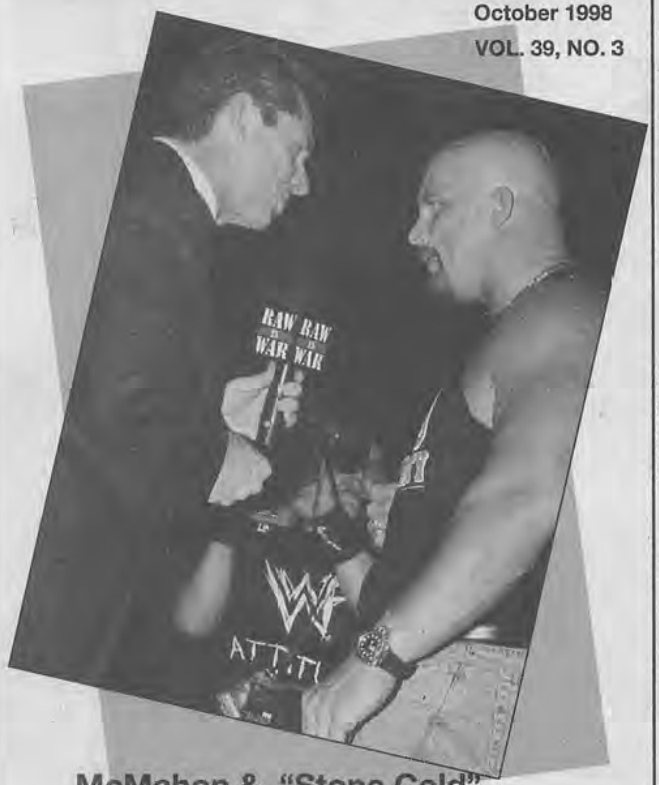

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Hogan–Nash/Hall clash, Bischoff fires Syxx

Accusations flow of Hall and Nash stirring locker room, Bischoff fires Syxx "to get back at them"

COVER STORY by Wade Keller

Headline Analysis

The fireworks behind the scenes in WCW hit a high point in the last week. The finger pointing and tension reached such levels that Eric Bischoff, Hulk Hogan, Kevin Nash, and Scott Hall had an extended closed door meeting before Nitro on Mar. 9 in Charleston, W.Va. When they came out of the meeting, there was believed to be an understanding that all could live with.

The next day, Hall and Nash received word that Bischoff, just hours before their meeting at Nitro, had sent a FedEx package to Sean Waltman, a/k/a Syxx, terminating his contract. Bischoff had alluded to "putting a bullet in Waltman" during the meeting Monday at Nitro, but didn't specify what he did. Since the meeting was going relatively well, Bischoff said that he would "fix it," without specifying what he was fixing. Bischoff apparently fired Waltman for no other than reason other than to get back at Hall and Nash.

Hall, Nash, and Waltman dubbed themselves The Wolf Pack and are known as inseparable on the road. They were three members of the original "Clique" that caused so much controversy in the WWF a few years ago. Along with Shawn Michaels, and Hunter Hearst Helmsley, they gained power behind the scenes in the WWF, and exercised that power through private meetings with Vince McMahon regarding the direction of not only their characters and storylines, but also those of others. Their perceived level of power led to locker room tensions that at one point, in November of 1995, led to Vince McMahon making a rare trip to a house show in Cincinnati, Ohio to try to calm nerves and restore order.

When Hall and Nash, and later Waltman, jumped from the WWF to WCW, it didn't take long for them to establish influence within WCW. But with Hulk Hogan around, there was always an underlying tension between Hogan and the Nash faction (he is the most outspoken member of the Wolf Pack). Bischoff's reputation is that he pays close attention to his personal relationship with the top handful of wrestlers in WCW, but is otherwise often dismissive, if not outright disrespectful, with the rest of the roster. Bischoff has tried to juggle the egos of Hogan and Nash while staying friends with both of them, although when push comes to shove, Bischoff—for a variety of diverse reasons—always sided most closely with Hogan.

In recent weeks it had become obvious that Hogan maneuvered himself and his friend Randy Savage into being the focal point of WCW despite having just lost the WCW Title to Sting. At Uncensored this weekend, Hogan vs. Savage in a cage has received up to 95 percent of the hype on television compared to less than five percent going toward the WCW Title match between Sting and Hall. There is no question Hogan is a bigger star than Sting or Hall, but the disproportionate television hype has led to some unrest, not just by the Nash faction, but via the undercard as well.

As chronicled in recent weeks, WCW is overflowing with talented mid-card wrestlers who are frustrated with the perception that there is no upward mobility no matter how over they get with fans, how good their matches are, or how entertaining their interviews are. The belief, backed by ample evidence, is that if Bischoff doesn't think you "put asses in seats," he won't give you the time of day (but he might throw coffee in your face). When Brian Adams joined WCW and immediately moved into a prominent position in the NWO despite being regarded as an average interview and a way-below-average worker, it led to even greater frustration. The addition of Hogan's real life friend Ed "The Mole" Leslie (a/k/a Brutus Beefcake) to a prominent on-air role only added to the perception that Hogan was running the ship. If you were in with Hogan, you got a push. If you weren't, you were destined to be underutilized.

Hogan and Bischoff heard first hand and through the grapevine that there was unrest, but were able to ignore it until word surfaced that the Nash faction were now among those complaining. Hall and Nash have enough clout and star power to be seen as a threat, and they know where Bischoff's vulnerabilities lie when it comes to info that would interest his superiors. Questions presented by WWF attorney Jerry McDevitt to Scott Hall in depositions last week (regarding the WWF's lawsuit against WCW for their use of Hall and Nash) led to a virtual panic by

Sean Waltman, a/k/a Syxx Photo by W.K.

Bischoff and Hogan.

The perception, perhaps overblown, was that Hall and Nash were trying to rally the troops against Hogan's domination of television time and storyline focus. When a comment was made in passing to one of the top tier wrestlers, that wrestler went right to Bischoff and informed him of what the Wolf Pack was saying. That led to tension on both sides to the point that there were rumors over the weekend and especially Monday that there could be some sort of a major blow up.

Bischoff, though, clearly wanted to avoid a blow-up and placate all sides. Given that Hogan has yet to sign a long-term contract, and given that Nash and Hall are locked up for nearly four more years, ironically it is Hogan who Bischoff needs to placate. After all, Hall and Nash can't go anywhere even if they want to. Several versions of what went on in the meeting were floating around Monday night and Tuesday, and all essentially said that both sides agreed to live with each other as peacefully as possible and make money together even if they didn't like each other. Hall and Nash joked after Nitro that their meeting with Bischoff and Hogan reminded them of a visit to the principal's office. As a sign of their so-called cease-fire agreement, Hall and Nash wore Hogan shirts to the ring on Nitro and all three teamed together in the Nitro main event.

Just when it seemed a major blow-up had been avoided, the next day Waltman received the FedEx notice that he had been fired even though technically he was locked into another year and a

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Streak is over: Raw beats Nitro 4.6 to 4.3

Raw teases McMahon vs. Austin match; Nitro features Nash vs. Sting rematch, but no Hogan

COVER STORY by Wade Keller

Headline Analysis

On the June 10, 1996 edition of WCW Nitro, Kevin Nash returned to WCW and joined Scott Hall to form the Outsiders, plus Ric Flair & Arn Anderson fought Sting & Lex Luger in the TV main event. Despite that, Raw won the ratings battle with an Ultimate Warrior–Jerry Lawler angle and an Undertaker vs. British Bulldog TV main event. Raw posted a 2.7 to Nitro's 2.6. Nitro, though won the next ratings battle the following week and never looked back, building a winning streak of 83 straight head-to-head battles.

That streak ended on Apr. 13 as Raw drew a 4.6 average compared to Nitro's 4.3. The WWF had shown signs of momentum in the ratings the last two weeks. Expectations were that both WCW and the WWF would go full-out to win this past Monday. Instead, the WWF put forth one of its best programs ever (in terms of storylines and interviews, but certainly not quality of wrestling) while WCW presented a Nitro that, outside of the final segment, resembled a flat edition of TBS Thunder.

As a result, despite the WWF having legitimate reason to celebrate having the monkey off their back and at least one week to "brag" about being wrestling's most watched program, WCW has a case to not be especially worried. WCW managed to remain within three-tenths of a rating point despite not having Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, Roddy Piper, Ric Flair, or Scott Hall in prominent matches or roles during the show. WCW tried to make it appear that Hogan and Piper were there with a pre-taped segment "backstage" at Target Center in Minneapolis. But otherwise, WCW appeared to almost concede the ratings battle putting forth a flat show other than the strong main event of Sting defending against Nash for the second straight week.

The WWF didn't give away one marquee match, but they teased the most intriguing main event they could possibly present—that being Steve Austin vs. Vince McMahon. While the match never actually took place, the build up was sufficient to draw huge ratings. The finish of the show involving Dude Love was confusing, but managed to build logically toward the next pay-per-view main event which is expected to be Steve Austin vs. Mick Foley (in one of his personas).

The climax of the Austin-McMahon storyline at the end of Raw drew a 6.0 rating, an all-time high quarter hour ratings for either Raw or Nitro in a head-to-head situation, beating the record set by last week's Nash vs. Sting match which drew a 5.8. This week's Nash vs. Sting rematch drew a respectable 4.3 rating. Raw won five quarter hours, Nitro won two, and there was one tie. Raw beat Nitro in both hours, 4.3 to 4.2 in the first hour and 4.6 to 4.3 in the second hour. Nitro drew a 4.4 in its first unopposed hour. While Raw's ratings are growing, Nitro's ratings aren't suffering at all.

WCW's take on the situation is that they were without their big guns, that the WWF hotshotted an angle that can't be topped, that the WWF will turn off viewers because they didn't deliver the match as promised, and that Raw's win is merely a one-week blip. Also, WCW had the disadvantage of believing Ric Flair would be there, but instead Flair no-showed (see sidebar).

Next week's Raw was taped the next night in Uniondale, N.Y. and features more of the Austin-McMahon storyline, including a verbal confrontation at the end of the show that leads to McMahon challenging Austin to a match. The angle insinuates that McMahon may pick himself to be Austin's challenger at the PPV. (And he might, although that match, if it ever takes place, will probably be saved for a time when it is outright advertised, not just hinted at.) Raw's TV main event for Apr. 20 is The Legion of Doom & Owen Hart vs. Hunter Hearst Helmsley & The New Age Outlaws.

WCW will surely try harder next Monday than they did this Monday to beat Raw in the ratings. They have the advantage of knowing ahead of time what the WWF has taped and thus can counter-program accordingly. There is also a chance of a backlash against the WWF for not delivering the Austin-McMahon match, yet if that were a major factor in TV ratings, Monday night ratings would have crashed over the last two years, not doubled.

Ric Flair on shaky ground with WCW

By Wade Keller, Editor

Eric Bischoff announced to the locker room full of wrestlers on Monday night, Apr. 13 at Nitro that he was going to make an example out of Ric Flair. He said Flair is a liar, but everybody lets him get away with it because he is Ric Flair. As it now stands, Flair may never appear on WCW television again, but whether he will be free to join the WWF, will have to take WCW to court to free himself from his contract, or will simply be forced to retire isn't clear at this point.

The controversy, which has been brewing for months, reached an apex on the Apr. 9 Thunder when Flair no-showed. Flair planned to attend his 9 year old son Reed's AAU national wrestling tournament in Michigan. Flair says he asked for the day off weeks ago; Bischoff claims Flair never asked for the day off. What is a fact is that Flair had no reason to believe WCW wanted him to be at Thunder until Nitro earlier that week when WCW announced he was going to make a major announcement on that show. In recent months Flair had been backstage at several Nitros and Thunders and not used. Recently WCW began telling him to stay home and not even attend Nitros and Thunders. He had plane tickets to the Tuesday and Wednesday house shows last week, but had a ticket that flew him home after Wednesday's show. If Flair didn't ask for the Thursday off, he certainly had fair reason to believe he wasn't going to be used.

WCW, though, wrote into Flair's new three-year contract at the beginning of the year that he would be required to be available for all Nitros and Thunders. WCW is disorganized enough that they want the freedom to call a wrestler on one day's notice and expect they will be available for a Nitro and Thunder.

When Flair no-showed Thunder, Bischoff began telling people he was thinking of making an example out of him. What that meant wasn't clear, though, because Bischoff said he planned to keep sending Flair his checks but not use him on TV. There are quite a few wrestlers who wouldn't mind having that deal. When Flair didn't appear as scheduled Monday in Minneapolis (where first-day ticket sales were based around it being "Ric Flair Day"), all plans to form a new Four Horsemen group were thrown out.

Flair no-showing Monday may give WCW grounds to claim he is in breach of contract and either fire him or suspend him. What Bischoff would ideally like is for Flair to be suspended

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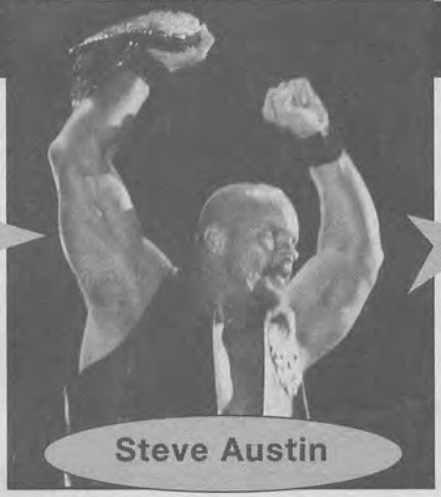
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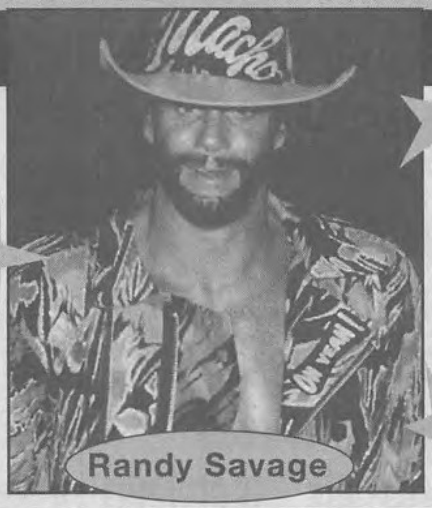

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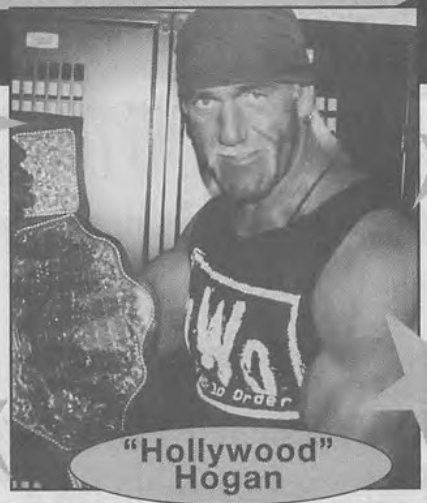

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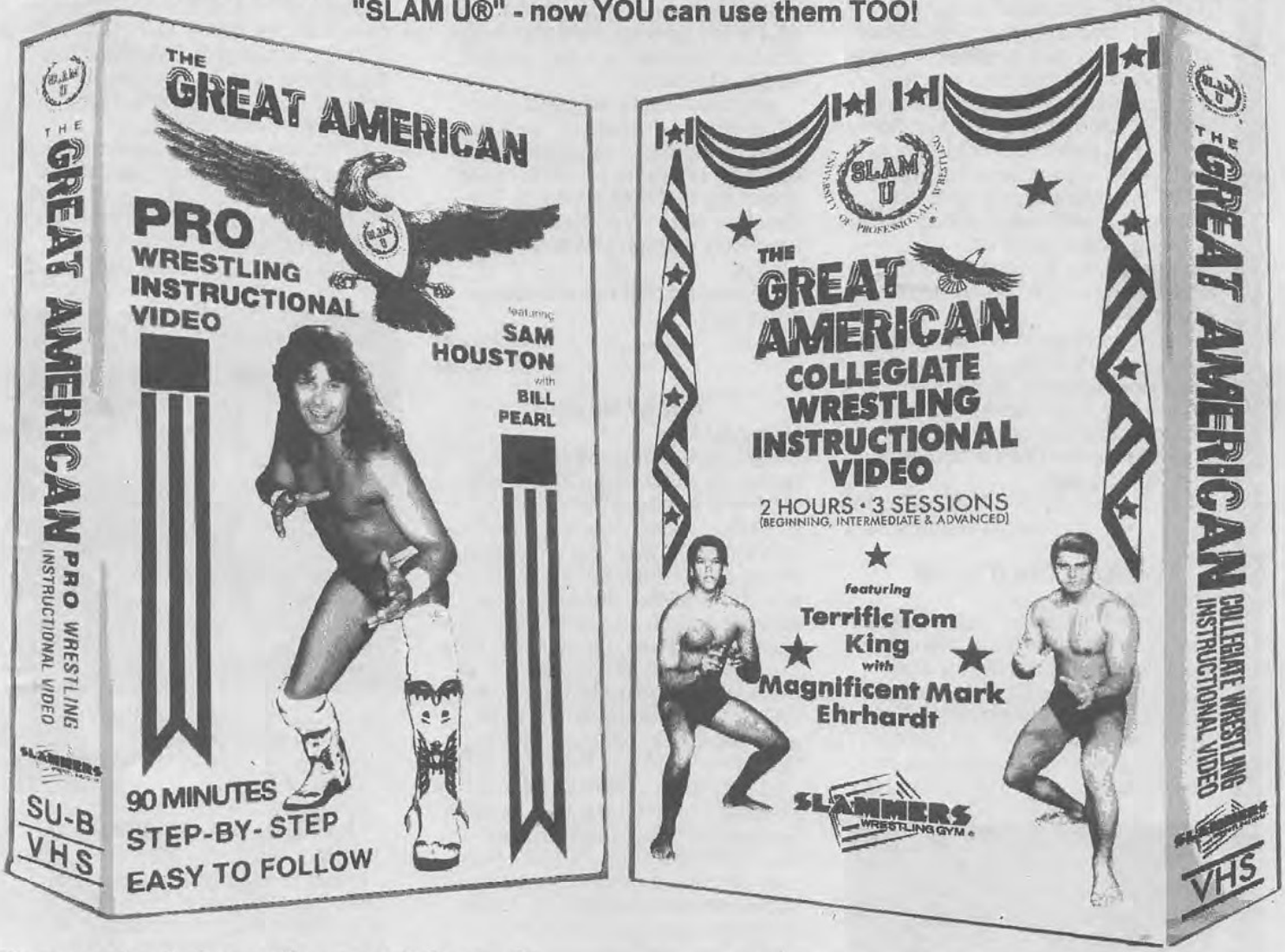

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MAT MAIL

KEN CAN DO!

Dear Mat Mail,

In the August 1998 issue of *Wrestling World,* it said that Ken Shamrock will be the next Bob Backlund! Also, that he will be overshadowed by the nutty circus around him. I beg to differ! Anyone who can't see that Shamrock is the best thing to happen to the WWF is blind! If you saw him fight in his UFC days you would know that. He is a great wrestler. The WWF is not seeing all the great potential that Shamrock has. If he is being overshadowed, Shamrock, his publicist and Vince McMahon need to do something about it!

I see the other WWF superstars have T-shirts, action figures and what not--where's all the Ken Shamrock memorabilia? Ken Shamrock is a great wrestler, shootfighter and has a body that just won't quit!

Anne Porter
Columbia Heights, MN

STONE COLD S.O.B!

Dear Mat Mail,

I agree that Stone Cold rules! I think he rules the WWF. He is the best wrestler of the '90s. I also agree that Stone Cold is the baddest S.O.B. on the planet! I also think that Stone Cold could beat DX, the Nation of Domination or Los Boricuas with no help 'cause

Lex Luger

Stone Cold said so!!! Oh hell yeah!

Josh Stockamp
St. Charles, MO

ROYAL MAIL!

Dear Mat Mail,

While reading your "Mat Mail" section in the June 1998 issue of *Wrestling World,* I was pleased to read Ms. Sylvia Mahogany's letter. It is not often where one has the opportunity to read "your mama!" as a retort in a "Letters To The Editor" section. Good job one and all. I enjoy seeing character assassination directed at other contributors to "Mat Mail."

Anyway, I really enjoyed your "Ring Royalty" section. I look forward to reading it in upcoming editions. I hope to someday read about my favorites as a kid: The Crusher, Baron Von Raschke and Mad Dog Vachon (AWA all the way!)

Headbutts and belly-to-belly suplexes!

J. Burnside
Anjo, Japan

n.W.o? NEVER!

Dear Mat Mail,

I am writing this letter in response to Monica Cooper's letter in the August 1998 issue of *Wrestling World.* Monica, I really don't like the way you were going off on everybody, talking trash about the n.W.o. For one thing, everybody has a right to their own opinion. And yes, I absolutely hate the n.W.o. But you're saying that the n.W.o. is going to take over WCW. Well, you must not have a very good memory for they tried to take over WCW on "Monday Nitro" and they failed, thanks to Larry Zbyszko. And if the n.W.o. is such a powerful force, then why are they split down the middle? Sure, they recruit some good wrestlers but some wind up leaving. Have you seen Syxx with the n.W.o. lately? No, because he's in the WWF, that's why!

Since you don't like WCW you can kiss my @$$! But like I said, everybody has a right to their own opinion and my opinion is that WCW is better than the n.W.o.

Dawn Frankhouser
Reedsville, PA

PAIN IN THE...BACK!

Dear Mat Mail,

Despite all his brashness and bravado, Shawn Michaels is a *true champion!* During his match at WrestleMania XIV, Mr. Michaels displayed true professionalism and athleticism! What a scary thought, me praising Shawn as he is a wrestler I DO NOT LIKE!

Even with his back injury, Shawn did manage to put in a tough performance. I have been plagued with back problems so I know what back pain feels like. YUCK!

You could see in Shawn's face the pain he was in, the way he tried to keep his back straight. I was hurting just watching him!

Once again, I have great respect for the professionalism and athleticism Mr. Michaels displayed for *us,* the fans. After this little accolade I have given Mr. Michaels, even though I still have those feelings of

"Iron Mike" Ehrhardt

dislike, I sincerely hope that his injury will be short-lived.

Janet Fourland
Winton, CA

SAME OLD RATTLESNAKE!

Dear Mat Mail,

I read the March 1998 issue of *Wrestling World* and I see there a lot of Steve Austin fans and that most are saying that they are his biggest fan or his #1 fan and so on. Well, any fan is a good fan.

I've been there since Day One when he started wrestling in WCW as "Stunning" Steve Austin and he is still the same back-stabbing rattlesnake with a bad attitude. Hardly anybody cheered him then although he was a wrestler with respectable skills and held the record for holding the WCW U.S. title the longest, and was a tag-team champ with Brian Pillman.

Now, Austin is in WWF. He says a couple of catchy lines, like "I'll open up a can of Whoop Ass!," "That's the bottom line, 'cause

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Stone Cold said so!" and everybody is jumping on the Stone Cold 3:16 bandwagon. Give me a break! My feeling is that if you didn't cheer for him when he started out, don't cheer for him now!

Eric High
Aurora, IL

SLAMMERS FAN!

Dear Mat Mail,

I am writing this letter to thank you for being the foremost authority on all the more lesser-known wrestling organizations around the country. Unlike other wrestling publications who rarely do stories on the independent promotions and the hard-working wrestlers who work in them.

I live in California and have been to most of the wrestling shows that were put on by the WWF and WCW whenever they have decided to grace our state with their presence, which, I must state, is few and far between. But, I read in your magazine about a promotion in California called the Slammers Wrestling Federation (SWF) and decided to go see one of their cards. I was floored! The wrestling was awesome, hard and in your face, literally, as you can sit right up front during the matches.

I have paid a lot to see live shows and am stating right now that the WWF and WCW could learn from these smaller promotions. I am now a dedicated fan of the Slammers Wrestling Federation and, as always, a fan of *Wrestling World*. So, keep up the good work and I'll keep buying your magazine.

Steve Tompking
Oildale, CA

BUFF 4-LIFE!

Dear Mat Mail,

I am writing in response to Jessica Xagoraris' letter in the August 1998 issue of *Wrestling World*. She wants everyone to respect Buff Bagwell. Well, everybody *should* respect Buff! Well, maybe when he wasn't in the n.W.o. he wasn't so buff, but to me he has always been buff. I have supported Buff since he was with The Patriot and Riggs, but he never needed those two losers. He is too good for them! He is so incredible! He is buff, he is tough, he has the stuff and I can't get enough! Every time Buff gets on TV and strikes a pose, cold chills run up my spine. Yes, I know he showboats and shows off his nice body but, I mean, wouldn't *you* if you looked *that* good?

I am his #1 fan 4-Life! The only reason I watch "Nitro," "Thunder," etc. is to see Mr. Sexy Bagwell. Lex Luger is a loser. He is so old. Buff is the *real* and *only* Total Package! If you like Lex Luger, move out of town because Buff is

D-Generation X

stepping up and Lex is going down! Buff 4-Life!

Jessica, rock on girlfriend!

Missy Robinson
Independence, KY

n.W.o.'s NOT SO GREAT!

Dear Mat Mail,

I am writing because I am so outraged by a letter in the August 1998 issue of *Wrestling World* written by Monica Cooper. She said that the n.W.o. is the most powerful force in wrestling and that they had all the good wrestlers. If the n.W.o. is so great, how come the only belts they have are the tag-team straps? And the only reason they have them is because that loser Scott Steiner betrayed his brother Rick and Lex Luger! The only reason that bald, washed-up old Hogan had the World title for so long is because if you get disqualified you don't lose the belt. Then, when Hogan had a match with no interference, the best wrestler ever, Sting, beat him fair and square.

It looks to me that the n.W.o is weak and consists of nothing but losers!

Joseph Turnbaugh
Fort Edward, NY

R.I.P RULES!

Dear Mat Mail,

I am writing just to say that one of my favorite wrestlers is The Undertaker. Not only is he big and strong and powerful, he's also defeated some of the top WWF stars like Kane, Sycho Sid, and all of those guys.

No matter what anybody says about The Undertaker, I'm behind him 110%!

Derek Deple
Pittsburg, KS

HEY, BIG TWO!

Dear Mat Mail,

This is a message to the Big Two: Come check out the independent wrestling scene in Texas. There are some great wrestlers, as well as managers, in our area. I recently attended a Mid South Wrestling card in Cushing, TX. The action was great but the guys who stuck out most were the Hardtime Express and their manager "Lovely Boy" Joey Corman. They were great! I then attended a Global Championship Wrestling card held in Lufkin, TX and saw Joey Corman do a moonsault. A manager doing a moonsault! Needless to say, I was impressed.

So WWF and WCW, for your own good, come down south to look for some new talent!

Keith Morris
Alto, TX

DX IS IN TOUCH!

Dear Mat Mail,

I'd just like to say that I am a big fan of D-Generation X. I'm a 15-year old girl and would also like to say that all those jerks out there who love to diss DX are out of their minds. Like, get a life already people! I mean, the DX members are like rebellious teenagers. Come on! I mean, I can see these guys and gal are just like me! They are in touch with the children of today (the '90s). I mean, we've all pulled a lot of pranks in our lives, haven't we? I'll bet there isn't one person out there who has not pulled one prank at all.

Rita Mooney
Toronto, Ont.

STATELY STATES

By Stately Wayne Manor

email: Stately@dantenet. com

"I'M IN LOVE WITH ME," declared the first *Weekly World News* profile of Mr. Manor. The *News*' second salute to your Messiah blared "I'm Even **More** In Love With Myself!" And a few years ago, *The Sun* entitled a story about Stately "It Was Love At First Reflection." Yes, your favorite columnist has been featured in best-selling supermarket newspapers three times. So, you see, I not only write articles, I make headlines. And how many other wrestling personalities have had three tabloid stories devoted solely to them? Zero. You've gotta admit, it's such an honor to kneel at my feet. (Ask your mom.)

Of course, being a tabloid star and superior wordslinger has had its downside. Several years back, a top wrestling official was **very** ticked-off at me because he erroneously thought I was writing a *News* column revealing bonebenders' private secrets. Hell, I would never even *consider* the disgraceful idea of selling someone out for my personal gain...but I will give you the name of the person who *did*, if you make a sweet enough offer, Vince.

Regular readers know, in addition to everything else, I also occasionally pen a list of predictions, all of which are remarkably accurate--unlike that balmy swami in the last issue. To take it one step further and discourage other weak imitators, I am now going to predict actual headlines in future editions of supermarket tabloids. I suggest carrying a copy of this with your weekly shopping list and food stamps, then checking off each entry as it comes to pass.

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- PORTRAIT OF RODDY PIPER DISCOVERED IN ANCIENT CHAMBER OF KING TUT'S TOMB
- MD INVENTS INSTANT-SLEEP SERUM, NICKNAMES IT "STEVE BLACKMAN"
- HAWK DITCHES ANIMAL TO TEAM WITH RICHARD SIMMONS

I can hardly wait until that last one comes true. There's no denying when the Legion Of Dumb first burst onto the scene, they were the most dominant force going. But that was so long ago, the programs were written in hieroglyphics. In fact, when Animal was a kid, he used to especially enjoy seeing the Lions in action--not on the football field, in the Roman Coliseum! And everyone knows Hawk's prom date was Cleopatra.

Yes, the Roadies have a place in American history. Examine the portrait of the Constitution signers on the back of a $2 bill. The two guys on the far left are obviously the L.O.D. minus the makeup. Being an insider, I have often eyeballed the codgers in the dressing rooms before they applied the war paint. Believe me, you won't see more wrinkles if you spend a week camped in a raisin field.

I'll admit, it was awfully kind of the Social Security Administration to spring for the old-timers' hair implants and Depends-hiding tights. And I suppose the new name is appropriate, too, being the L.O.D. have reached the landmark of having 2000 crappy matches in a row. Still, this duo hasn't been diddly since *The Dukes Of Hazzard* was canceled, and there's no point in pulling for the pensioners these days. Never mind the Midnight Express, *Jim Cornette and I* could easily defeat the Chitown chumps. We'd spend so much time playing Slap The Senior Citizen, Hawk would feel like a test model at the handball factory. And his partner would have so much of a certain bodily fluid knocked out of him, he'd be renamed Enema!

What will become of their manageress? I suppose she could go back to her previous job--that is, unless the Health Department has closed that massage parlor down again.★

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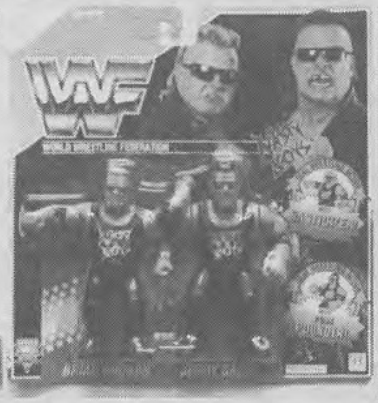

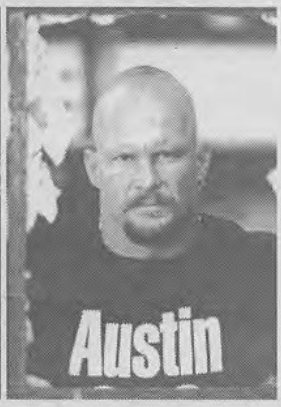

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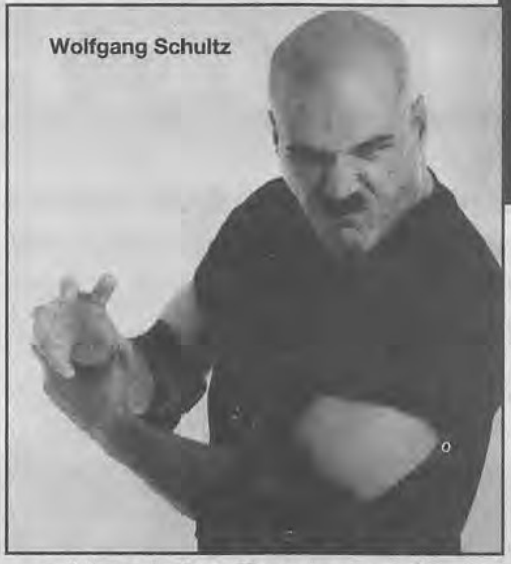
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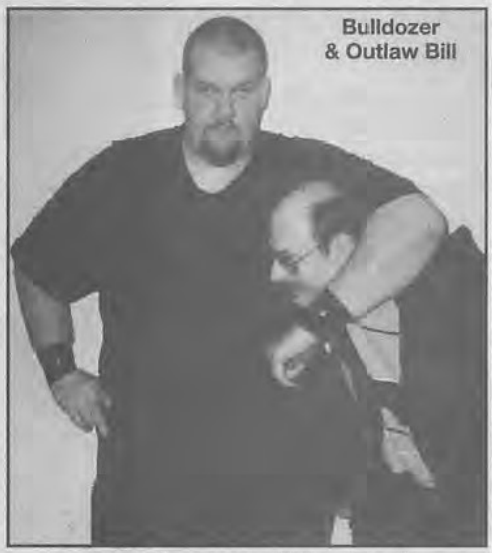
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THE ROCK: A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!

His grandfather was a wrestling champion and his father was a wrestling champion, so it comes as no surprise that Rocky Maivia is also a wrestling champion. While The Rock is carrying on the family tradition, his attitude has become very untraditional indeed. Just ask Ken Shamrock or Faarooq!

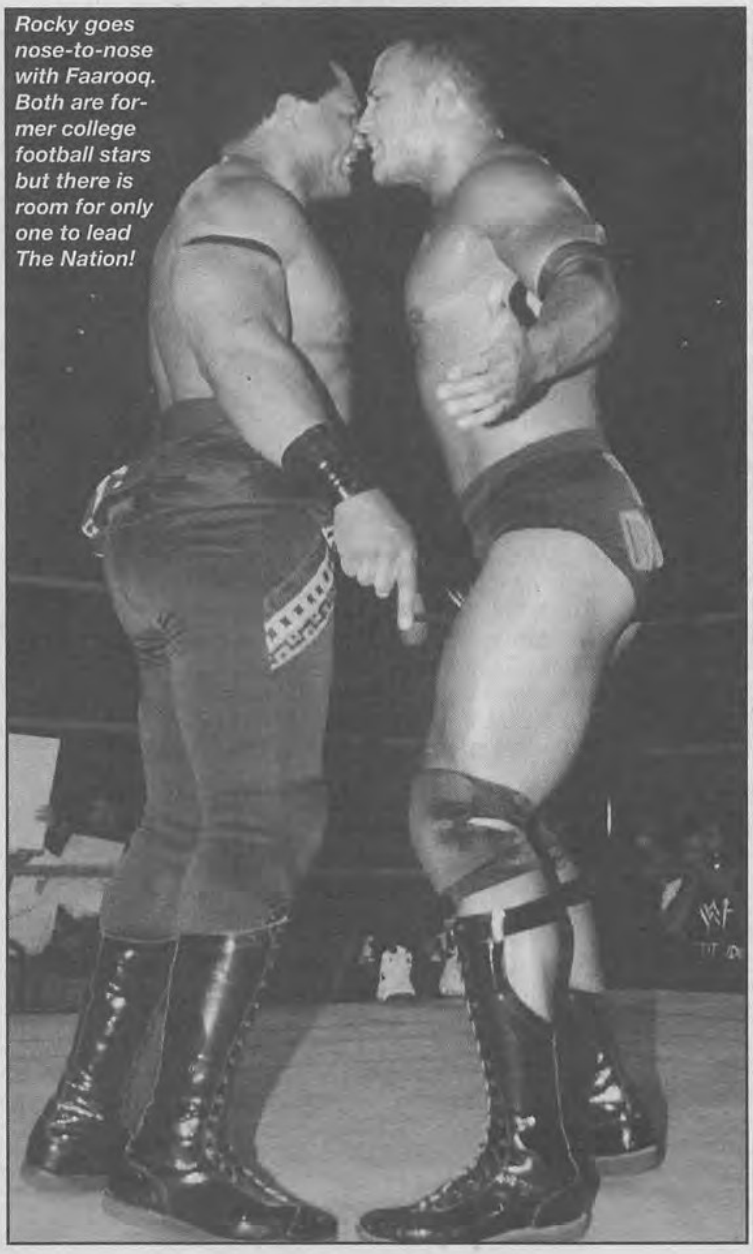
By Allan Bolte

SOME of the greatest wrestling stars throughout the years have come from wrestling families-- generations consisting of grandfathers, fathers and brothers, etc. Their lives have basically been surrounded by wrestling so growing up they already had some exposure, knowledge and determination.

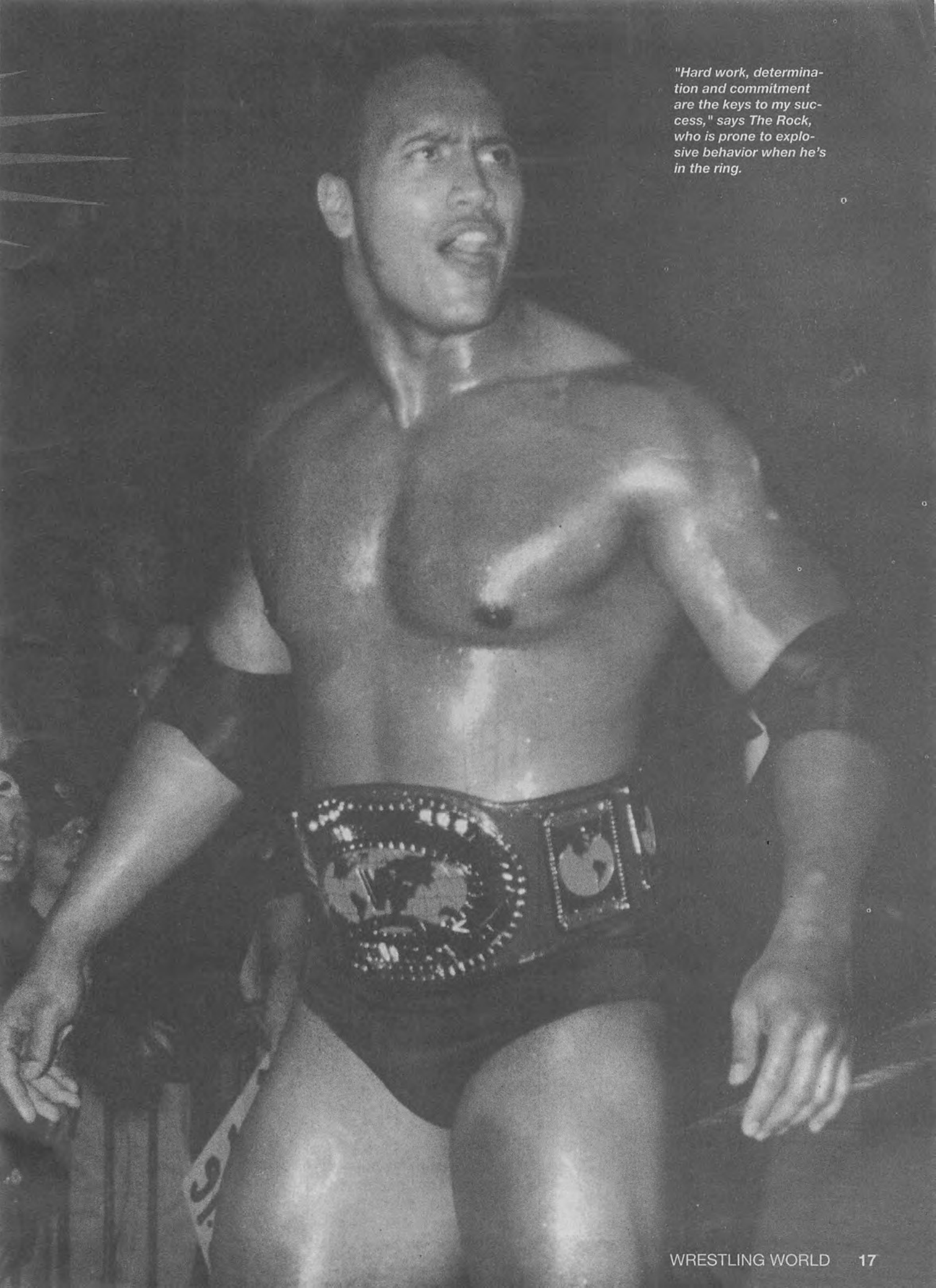
Certainly one young athlete who sets such an example would be a superstar who climbed to the top of the World Wrestling Federation quite rapidly, and who now is one of the most focused grapplers, the true center of attention in wrestling rings throughout the country. His father and grandfather were tremendous champion wrestlers and there's no question that, years from now, he'll be listed among the all-time greats in the history of professional wrestling.

We're talking about Rocky Maivia, the powerhouse who, in under two short years, climbed to the top of the list and has mixed it up with some of the greatest in the sport. His father is Rocky "Soulman" Johnson, a former U.S. Heavyweight champion from Detroit who defeated such greats as the late great Ray "Crippler" Stevens; Pat Patterson; Moondog Mayne; Playboy Buddy Rose; The Iron Sheik; and so many others. Rocky Maivia's grandfather is the late, great Chief Peter Maivia, a tremendous wrestler from Western Samoa who also held the U.S. Heavyweight Championship. (Rocky Johnson married Ata Maivia, Peter's daughter, many years ago. Rocky Maivia, therefore, is Rocky Johnson and Ata's child.)

Together, Rocky Johnson and Peter Maivia also won and successfully defended the World's Tag Team Championship for nearly two years and they drew



Rocky goes nose-to-nose with Faarooq. Both are former college football stars but there is room for only one to lead The Nation!



"Hard work, determination and commitment are the keys to my success," says The Rock, who is prone to explosive behavior when he's in the ring.

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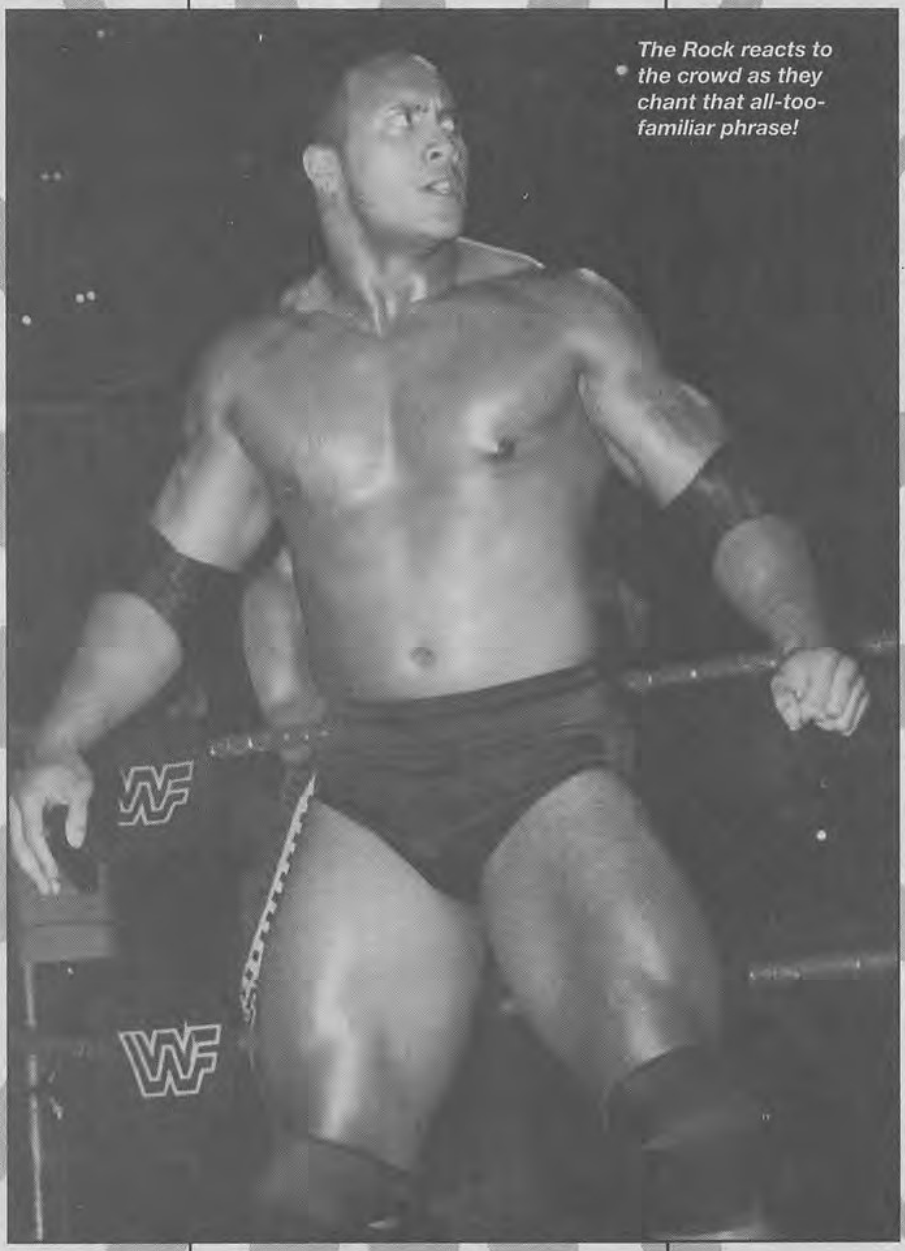
huge crowds wherever they wrestled.

So, it was no wonder that young Duane Johnson (he later took the ring names Rocky and Maivia to honor his father and grandfather, respectively) would eventually venture into the wrestling world. But before that he was a star linebacker at the University of Miami and was considered an excellent all-around athlete. The time came, however, when he had to decide whether to pursue a pro football career or a pro wrestling career and, not surprisingly, he chose wrestling and burst upon the WWF scene. Rocky Johnson originally planned to be a manager for his son and did appear at ringside on a few occasions but everyone involved mutually agreed that Maivia was more than capable enough to handle things on his own. And he certainly proved it.



The Rock reacts to the crowd as they chant that all-too-familiar phrase!

Maivia was an overnight success for several reasons. He was young, handsome, in tremendous physical condition (a strapping 6-3 and a solid 260 pounds), outgoing and it was obvious from the start that he had charisma. And he was an exciting wrestler, showing size, strength, speed and agility with an excellent capability at high-flying holds such as dropkicks, body slams, backdrops and flying airplane spins. The fans were behind him all of the way and he was a big hit.

"The Rock" was quoted in the fall of 1997 as having said the following: "I'm so glad the fans have accepted me, because they are important to me. Being a good sport and a scientific wrestler means a lot to me; I don't want to be known as a 'bad guy' at all. It's not in my blood."

Then came the shocker to the wrestling world when Maivia suddenly became a "new man" and completely changed his ways in the ring, breaking every rule he could and hurting as many opponents as possible. He even turned on some of his friends and tag partners and was now a certified 'bad guy' --completely contrary to his comments a few months earlier. The new Rocky Maivia was being jeered and booed from arena to arena, from television taping to television taping but one thing stayed the same--he was still winning every match he wrestled, defeating any and all opponents one at a time. (And on a few occasions, even two at a time.)

Why this major change for Maivia?

Several situations caused the new attitude. Mainly, he was influenced greatly by the powerful and successful Nation of Domination, which was rapidly growing in numbers and had become one of the most talked about groups in the WWF. NOD's leader was Faarooq, a brutal former World champ (when he was known as Ron Simmons) who weighed 277 solid pounds and had defeated some of the greatest wrestlers in the sport. Faarooq and Maivia had something in common--both were college football stars, not to mention tremendous size and strength.

After a reign as Intercontinental champ, the fans seemed to turn on "The Rock," claiming that he hadn't paid his dues. Maivia, sidelined by injuries, contemplated this

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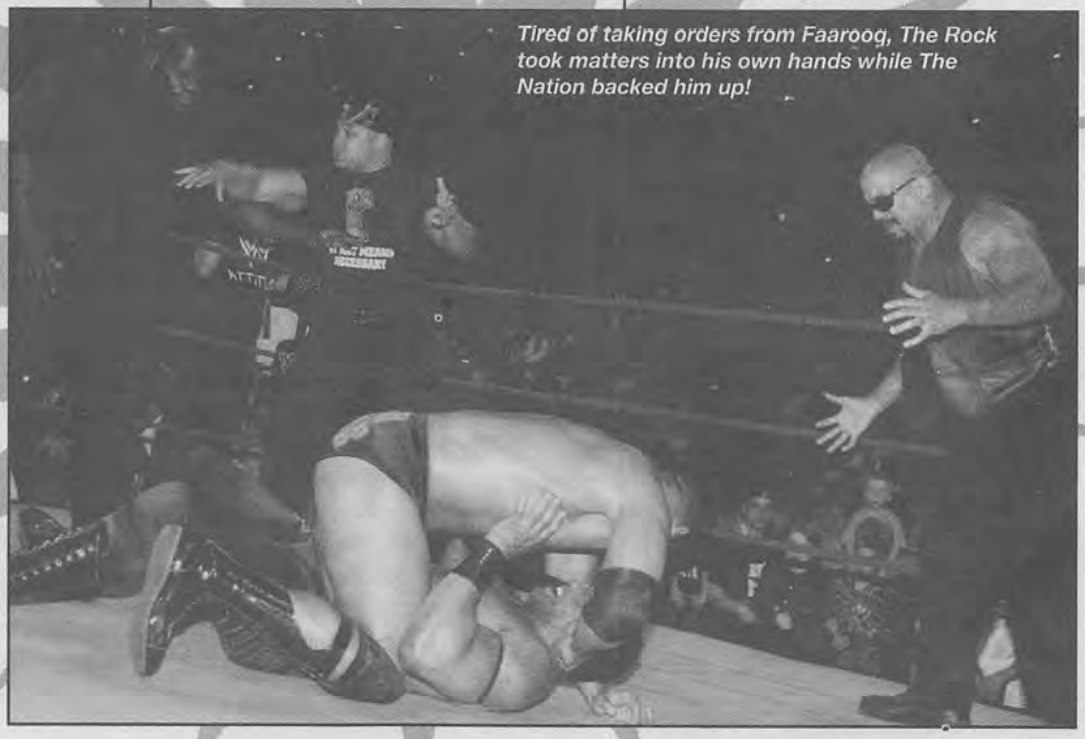
twist of fate and, upon his return, aligned himself with Faarooq and NOD!

The new Rocky was bursting with confidence. Even when the fans' chanted "Rocky sucks!" The Rock seemed to take it as a compliment. He was soon back in the winner's circle, too. After stealing "Stone Cold" Steve Austin's Intercontinental title belt, Rocky "won" it when Stone Cold defeated him, then handed him the strap, abandoning the title and embarking on a course for the World championship!

Commentator Jim Ross, celebrating his 20 years involved in pro wrestling, isn't short of compliments for The Rock. "I guess you could say I had something influenced the WWF's decision to initially sign Maivia," Ross said. "I knew at once that he had the look, the size and strength, then I saw him in action and realized he was a champion in the making. I was thinking of his box office appeal at first but then realized his wrestling ability was unbelievable. The following week the WWF signed him to a long-term contract and he hasn't let us



Tired of taking orders from Faarooq, The Rock took matters into his own hands while The Nation backed him up!

down. I admit his switch late last year was kind of surprising but nothing in the wrestling business shocks me. It's becoming dog eat dog and that's all there is to it."

Certainly Maivia had been involved in one of the biggest feuds in wrestling and only The Rock would dare get in the face of "The World's Most Dangerous Man," Ken Shamrock! There's never a dull moment when these two collide whether it be during an interview, a run-in involving other wrestlers, or one-on-one battle. It's a case of athlete versus athlete, strength and size versus strength and size, and may the best man win.

"You know I think I have a good attitude," Shamrock told Ross. "I like people, I love wrestling, but Rocky Maivia has stepped way out of line since the first day he turned his back on me. He has humiliated, intimidated and tortured me and he'll regret everything he did. He has a loose screw or two and he'll be sorry he ever messed with me. I'm not afraid of him or his so called "Nation of Domination." I don't care how many of them there are, or how tough they claim to be. What goes up comes around and I'll get him alone somewhere and show him just how dangerous I can be."

But Maivia throws his head back and laughs. "Am I supposed to be scared?" Maivia said about Shamrock after winning a bout in San Jose, CA. He flexed his big biceps, then grunted. "I would whip Ken Shamrock one-on-one any time, any place.

"You want to know the truth about Shamrock?" Maivia added. "He's no longer in ultimate fighting bouts because he lost to so many opponents they don't want him anymore. He's going downhill while I'm going nowhere but up. I've got the force of NOD. behind me, he has nothing and no one. He just won't accept it."

Not content with taking over The Nation, The Rock added injury to insult over the fallen former leader!

While The Rock's take on Shamrock's leaving UFC may be skewered, his confidence in himself certainly isn't off track. Gorilla Monsoon, who has been an executive and announcer for the WWF for 25 years now, is extremely impressed with Rocky and immediately knew he has what it takes. Monsoon had the following to say when they first signed Maivia.

"I've seen many wrestlers come and go in my 30 years in this business," Monsoon said. "Without bragging, I can usually spot a champion. Maivia has all the attributes one needs for this tough sport and he'll be here to stay. Coming from a wrestling family helps. Having the size and strength is a plus. But having genuine wrestling ability with tremendous agility and dedication plus perseverance are the true keys to success."

Monsoon, indeed, was right although, at the time, he had no idea Maivia would fall under the influence of NOD. Neither did he know that The Rock would turn on Faarooq and, in effect, take over the Nation.

"Look, I told everyone that I would break into wrestling and make it to the top and I did," Rocky told *Wrestling World*. "I also stated that nobody would stand in my way. You can see that when I say something, I back it up. All of my plans come through because I make them come true. Hard work, determination and commitment are the keys to my success. And with my new attitude I also believe 'Kick a man when he's down or he'll kick you first.' I'm gonna prove once and for all that no one should mess with the mighty Rock. I've got the Nation of Domination behind me all the way and together we will conquer the world. And anyone who steps into our line of fire will be sorry. You haven't even begun to see the real Rocky Maivia in action yet!"

We don't know what the real Rocky Maivia will turn out to be but, one thing is for certain, he will be a winner! Winning is a family tradition and you can be sure Rocky is a chip off the old block!★

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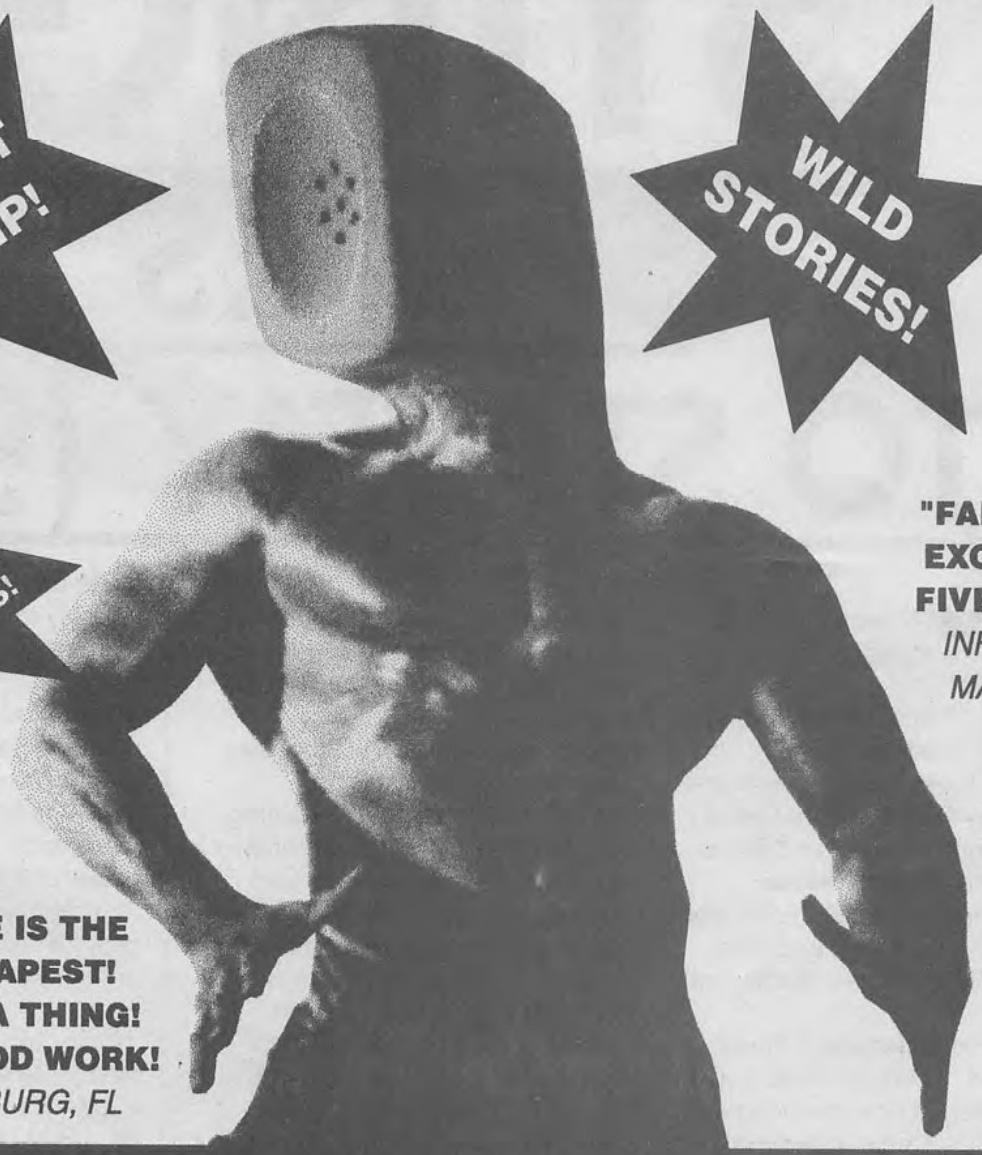

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STING SPEAKS TO STATELY (?!?)

By Stately Wayne Manor

TEN years ago, with my arm in a sling, I walked into an Atlanta gym, put on a blindfold and bounced Sting around like a racquetball in front of half the NWA staff. Sting promised to quit the sport immediately if I would release the deathlock I'd clamped on. As usual, he lied; and he's been ducking me ever since--until now.

After a solid decade, it finally happened. I had promised two French broads I'd introduce them to a famous American film producer if they passed my overnight audition. So there I was, dropping the chicks off at Buttman's office, and who do I spot nearby but Sting staring longingly at a dress in the Hit Or Miss shopwindow.

Naturally, I did what any true wrestling fan would do--I went up to Paint Puss and began whacking the tar out of him. Before I could even deliver a devastating Manor Masher, Sting slumped to the sidewalk in tears. I was going to pin him while I was at it, but *everybody's* done that. Instead, I spat in his face, shined my shoes with his shirt and flipped on the tape recorder. The following is a word-for-word transcript of our conversation.

STING: Oh, please, sir, don't strike me any more. All those slaps in the face are smearing my lipstick.

SWM: Not until you tell the people the truth.

STING: Okay, okay, I'm nothing but a big fake. All those months I took off had nothing to do with feeling slighted by WCW--although I am enough of a crybaby to pout for a year-and-a-half because my feelings are hurt. Anyway, the true reason I didn't wrestle for 18 months is because I was terrified of the NWO. Still am, brrrrrrrrrr. Everyone knew even Vincent could...could, eh, um, AWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO.

SWM: What the hell was that?

STING: I always do an annoying rebel yell when I lose my train of thought during an interview.

SWM: You were talking about Vincent and your fear of the NWO.

STING: Oh, yeah, Everybody knew even Vincent could kick my butt, so I had every right to be terrified of facing the NWO's big guns like Nash.

SWM: So what's the story behind milling around arena rafters for so long?

STING: My contract forced me to appear on Nitro nearly every week, and, believe me, I was scared to death of the Order, and went up to the cheap seats to get as far away from them as possible. My total cowardice led me to start carrying that baseball bat, too.

SWM: You *did* have to get in the ring with Saint Hulkster eventually.

STING: Yes, and they had to clean my tights out with a rake afterwards. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly state Nick Patrick gave a flawless three-count when I was getting pinned and that Bret Hart had no business butting into the match. If anyone gave a fast count, it was Hart. There I was, perfectly content to lose to the better man, and darn Bret stuck his nose in there. That meant I had to fight *more* against those NWO guys, the last thing on Earth I want to do.

SWM: You did beat Scott Hall in a very unpopular decision at Uncensored.

STING: That's only because I cheated. You see, for years now I've been coating myself with this special substance I paid a chemist a fortune to develop. It's a non-shiny oil, non-shiny so the ref and cameras don't detect it with the naked eye. I've been using it for ages in title fights. Come on, you didn't think I could ever beat guys like Vader and Flair without cheating, did you?

SWM: No way.

STING: Exactly. I want to apologize to the many superior

Is it just wishful thinking or did Stately really punk-slap WCW World Heavyweight champion Sting? In fact, could this whole "interview" just be a daydream?

wrestlers I ripped off all these years and to the promoters and the announcers I conned.

SWM: What about all the little Stingers?

STING: That whole thing about there being this army of little Stingers out there, it was all a load of crap. In truth, there were maybe eight or nine dumb kids--and half of 'em were my nephews--who cared about me. When all is said and done, I'm nothing but a grade-A phony.

SWM: You'll never hear *me* exaggerating how many millions are members of my following. You should be ashamed of yourself.

STING: I *am!* That's the other half of the reason I'm drowning myself in vodka these days. One half's cowardice and the other half's shame. The drinking is the reason I started wearing the harness hooked to the ceiling. It was the only way they could get me to stand up straight.

SWM: I couldn't help but notice the odor.

STING: Yeah, does my breath STINK or what? Phoo, it smells like a donkey's butt most of the time. It's partly because I don't brush my teeth anymore, as you can probably tell by seeing how yellow they are on TV. I'm either too hung over in the morning or too smashed the rest of the time to aim the toothpaste and get it on the brush. The other reason is because of DDP's cigars. I broke into his locker last week and stole a whole bunch of those bad boys. Don't tell anyone about that, all right?

SWM: I wouldn't dream of it.

STING: Hey, you wouldn't happen to be in the market for a Battlebowl ring, would you?

SWM: Nope.

STING: How about Kimberly Page's phone number?

STING SPEAKS TO STATELY (?!?)

SWM: Already have it...and three of the other dancers', too.
STING: You like *girls?!?* Eeeeeeooooh! Me and my boyfriend--um, I mean "best friend"--Lex have sworn off girls forever. Sure, we'll act nice to them if we figure we can burn 'em for 20 bucks for an autograph. And I like barmaids who'll give you a free drink once in a while. But in private life, I'd much rather hang around the gym we co-own, just staring into the mirrors at ourselves....
SWM: Well, I can certainly relate to that.
STING: ...and at the sweaty, muscular men building their marvelous physiques.
SWM: Uh-oh.
STING: Don't knock it unless you've tried it, Miss Thing. After a long, stressful day picking out fabric or arranging flowers, there's nothing like slipping into some clingy spandex, snapping a Judy Garland tape in the Walkman and pumping iron. I can bench almost 100 pounds now, but squats are my favorite. Then when you're done with the weights, you strip naked and sit around a steamy room with other fellows, letting it all hang out. Or maybe hit the showers, where some naughty boy will drop the soap and...
SWM: Sting?
STING: ...you'll just happen to be standing behind him...
SWM: Sting!
STING: ...so when he bends over to...
SWM: *Sting!!!* Can we please get back to your career? You started at the bottom....
STING: That's what I was beginning to explain!
SWM: I meant the lower rung in the Bill Watts UWF.
STING: Yes, I was with that cute Eddie Gilbert in Hot Stuff International.
SWM: You started out there as half of the Blade Runners with the Ultimate Windbreaker.
STING (convulsing in laughter): Ultimate Windbreaker--that's hilarious! You're really brilliant. I'm so jealous of you.
SWM: I know.
STING: Anyway, yeah, that's when I started wearing the paint. Actually, I had to, because of how hideously ugly I am, what with all the zits and everything. My face has more craters than the surface of the moon.
SWM: Then you went to WCW when it was still the NWA.
STING: Right. First, Bill Watts (UWF) hired me, then he went out of business; then Jim Crockett (NWA) hired me, and *he* went out of business.
SWM: Your big break came being in the main event on the very first Clash Of The Champions.
STING: The Nature Boy sure made me look good that night. We went 45 minutes and I never had him in trouble once, this despite the fact he had to fly in from Australia that afternoon with a 105 degree fever and I paid someone to poison his drinking water before the match. Luckily, I bribed the ref into telling Ric it was a one-hour match and pins would only count in the last 15. Otherwise, Flair would've beaten me in about 90 seconds.
SWM: How did you prepare for the match?
STING: Well, I spent the last hour before it puking due to pure terror. My hands were shaking so much, I had a really tough time signing the will I got drawn up as soon as I found out they were forcing me to take that match.
SWM: You seem to have spent your entire life trembling.
STING: Even as a child I was scared of everything: the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, the Pillsbury Doughboy, you name it. From second through fifth grade I'd run home from school, trying to avoid getting beat up by my next door neighbor again.
SWM: How did you eventually get the stompings to stop?
STING: On the day after her fifth birthday party, she moved away.
SWM: I remember when you were being stalked by the Black Scorpion.

Stately claims Sting actually admitted he had to resort to using a bat because of his "total cowardice!"

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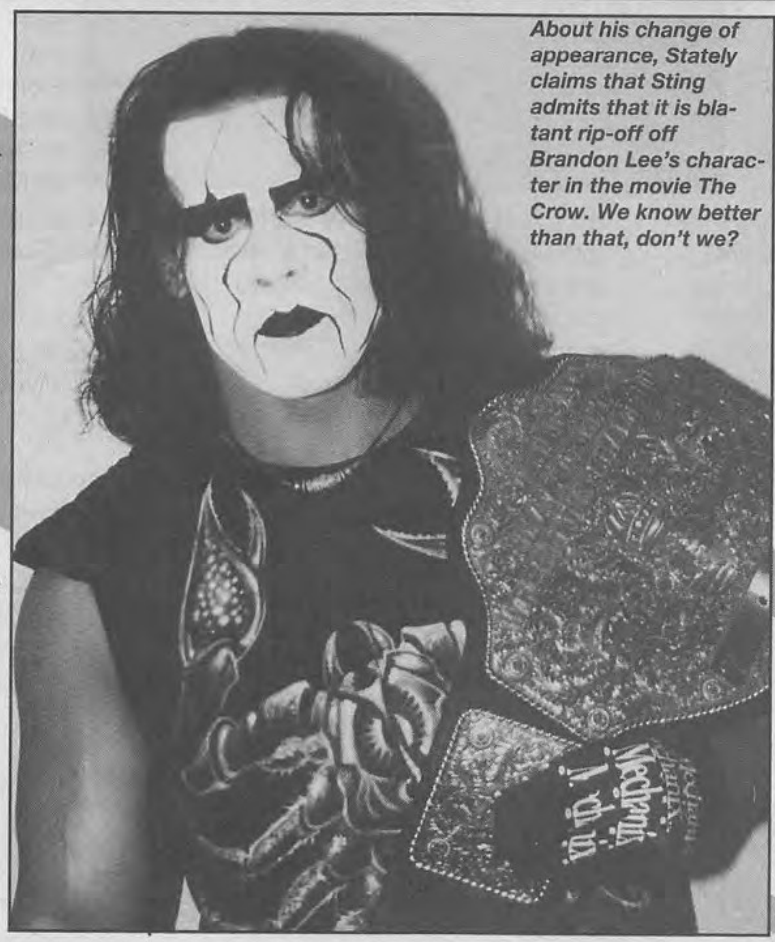
STING SPEAKS TO STATELY (?!?)

(The interview was temporarily stopped while paramedics revived Sting who had fainted at the mention of the Scorpion's name.)

SWM: I better change the subject. What else do you do in your spare time?

STING: I write letters to Congress. Like, yesterday I sent another one urging them to ban rap and heavy metal. Young people should be listening to operas. The day before, it was to outlaw skateboards and the Internet. Clarinet lessons and square dancing are just as much fun.

When I was a boy we didn't have a TV on our side of the street. We



About his change of appearance, Stately claims that Sting admits that it is blatant rip-off off Brandon Lee's character in the movie The Crow. We know better than that, don't we?

were just glad World War II was over and we could get back to hearing our favorite radio programs.

SWM: How old are you, anyway?

STING: I'll be 57 on my next birthday. Two more facelifts and I'll win a cruise to Jamaica.

SWM: So you started in wrestling much later in life than most.

STING: I had to, what with having to spend all that time in the military prison. What a bum rap. I get drafted to fight in Korea, I go there. No problem. But I swear to God, on my second night overseas the sergeant ordered me to slip off to Switzerland to defend the platoon against sneak attacks from

there. Hmph, "attempted desertion" they called it when Sarge testified he couldn't remember giving the order. All those years in jail because of one man's forgetfulness. Is it any wonder I joined the Communist Party?

SWM: You're kidding!

STING: Hell, no, I hate the American government for what they did to me. Look, if I wanted to be a deserter, I would have moved to Canada like Duggan did during Vietnam.

SWM: Besides an obvious lack of talent, what else is working against you?

STING: It's mostly due to my name. I deserve some flak for stealing the Sting name from that rock singer. Fair's fair on that. But the reason I get people plotting against me behind the scenes is 'cause of my last name.

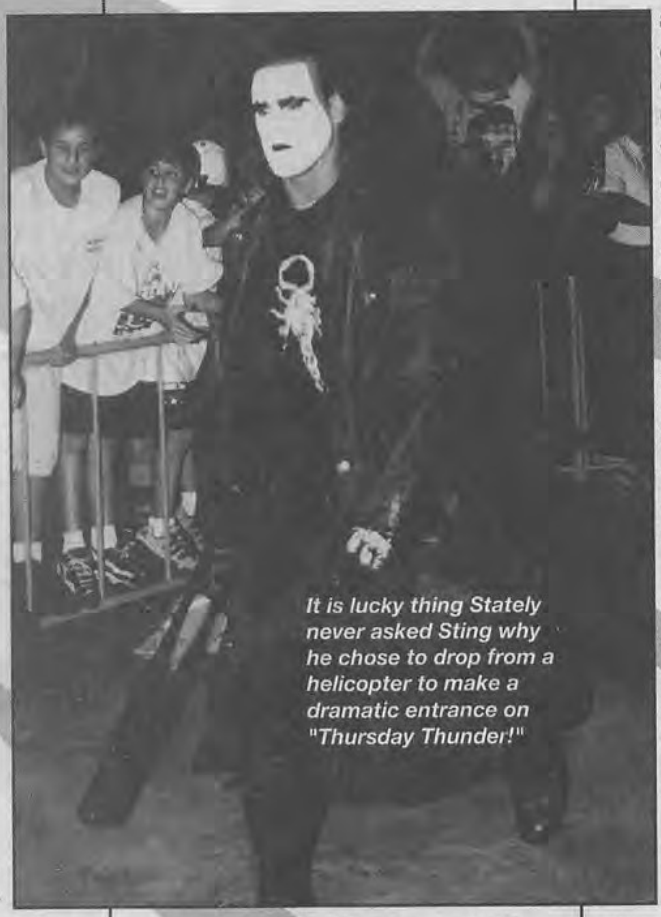
SWM: What is your full name?

STING: Sting Manson. And, yes, before you ask, Charlie *is* my brother. Okay, maybe I shouldn't have gotten him those Beetles' albums and taught him how to hunt when he was a kid. But is that going to be held against me my whole life? Geez, I guess if the media finds out about me being in Timothy McVeigh's militia, they're gonna REALLY go nuts. Um, you better not print that last sentence, please, sir.

SWM: Not to worry. You can trust me. Next question: Why did you change your look?

STING: There were several reasons. One, it was getting harder and harder to dye the gray hair blonde. Black ink works much better. Secondly, I figured the other look would act kinda like a disguise for a while, and maybe if people didn't recognize me, they wouldn't beat me up in parking lots and hotel lobbies.

The look I chose--well, you know I don't have an original thought in my head. When the Warrior and I teamed up, we painted our faces and called ourselves the Blade Runners because the Road Warriors wore paint and named themselves after a futuristic sci-fi movie. We were a total lame imitation. I *still* don't have enough originality or morals to come up with anything on my own; so, when I shoplifted the tape *The Crow*, I decided to rip off the movie's star, Brandon Lee. I really wanted to dress up like *Brenda* Lee, but this was as close as WCW would let me get.



It is lucky thing Stately never asked Sting why he chose to drop from a helicopter to make a dramatic entrance on "Thursday Thunder!"

Do you happen to have a spare hankie or tissue?

SWM: No.

STING: That's okay, I'll wipe my nose on my shirt sleeve. Hey, you want a swig of this joy juice?

SWM: Drink out of the same bottle as you? Not a chance.

STING: Oh, so you heard about that. I don't care what anybody tells you, I got it from using a public rest room. Besides, those blood tests aren't 100 percent accurate.

SWM: Any regrets about losing the title?

STING: Yeah, that it didn't come sooner. It was perfectly clear, once I got humiliated in another title match, I'd be demoted w-a-y down below the main event. That way more deserving wrestlers like Eddie Guerrero and Chris Jericho would move up and I wouldn't get picked on so much. Lookit, I still have a booboo on my elbow from Spring Stampede and it hurts even after I got mommy to kiss it.

SWM: There are probably a few halfwits maintaining support for you--though it's tough to hear them over all the booing.

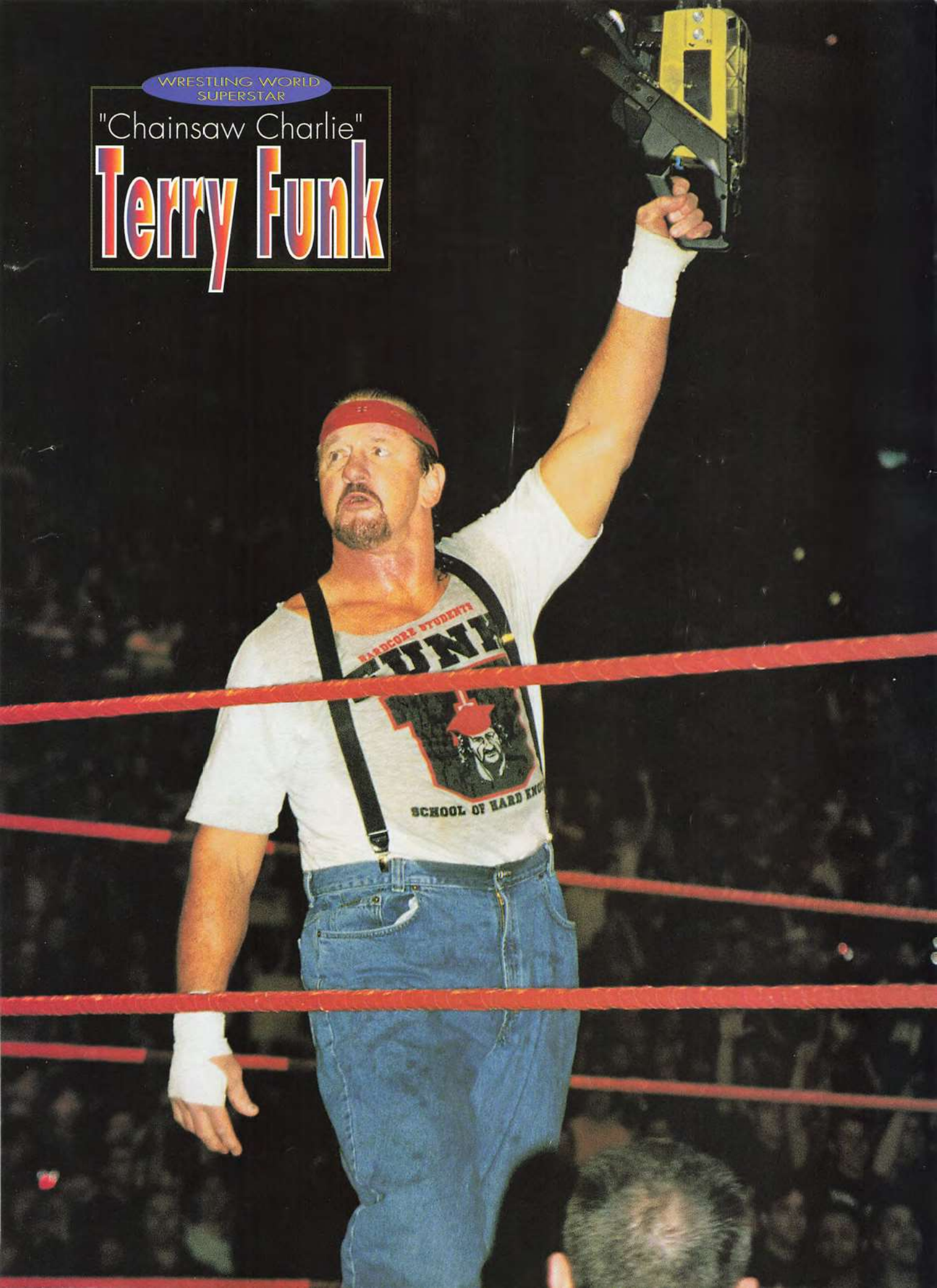
STING: If there are any left, they're bound to be disappointed in me yet again. They should certainly be used to that by now. I'm saving my hide, so screw them.

Are we just about done here? I've got an appointment with my manicurist at noon then I'm marching in a parade to get MTV taken off the air.

SWM: We're nearly done. I've got just one thing left to say--Black Scorpion.★

(Sting passes out again. This time I snatch his Rolex--a counterfeit, naturally--and kick him a few times.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are obligated by contract to publish a certain number of Mr. Manor's features per year. Nonetheless, we STRONGLY condemn the author's outrageous use of patently fabricated material, and assure readers we are *certain* Sting never uttered a single word of the above "interview." As such, we express our deepest apologies to Sting, his family, Lex Luger, Jim Duggan, WCW and any other offended parties.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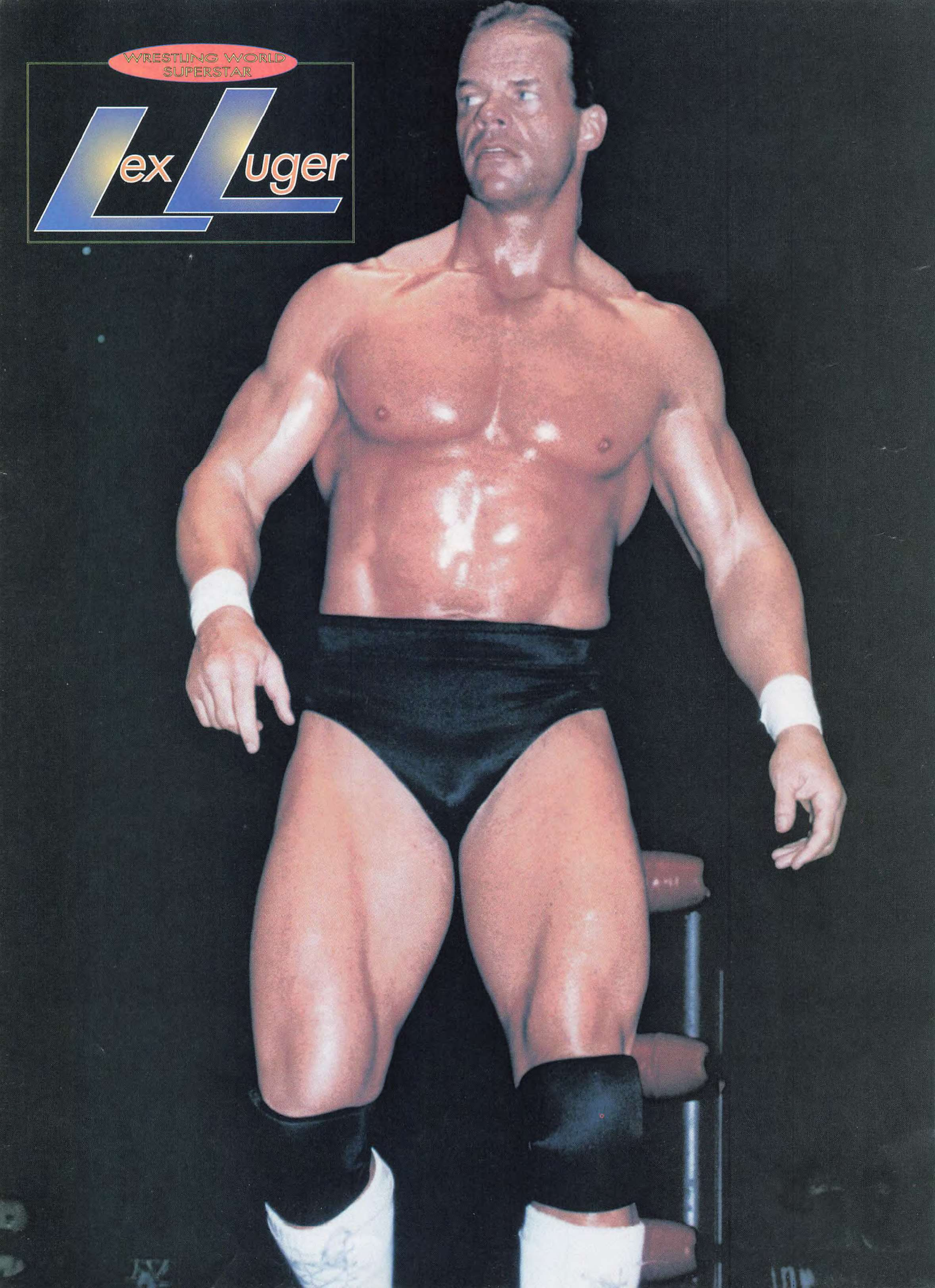

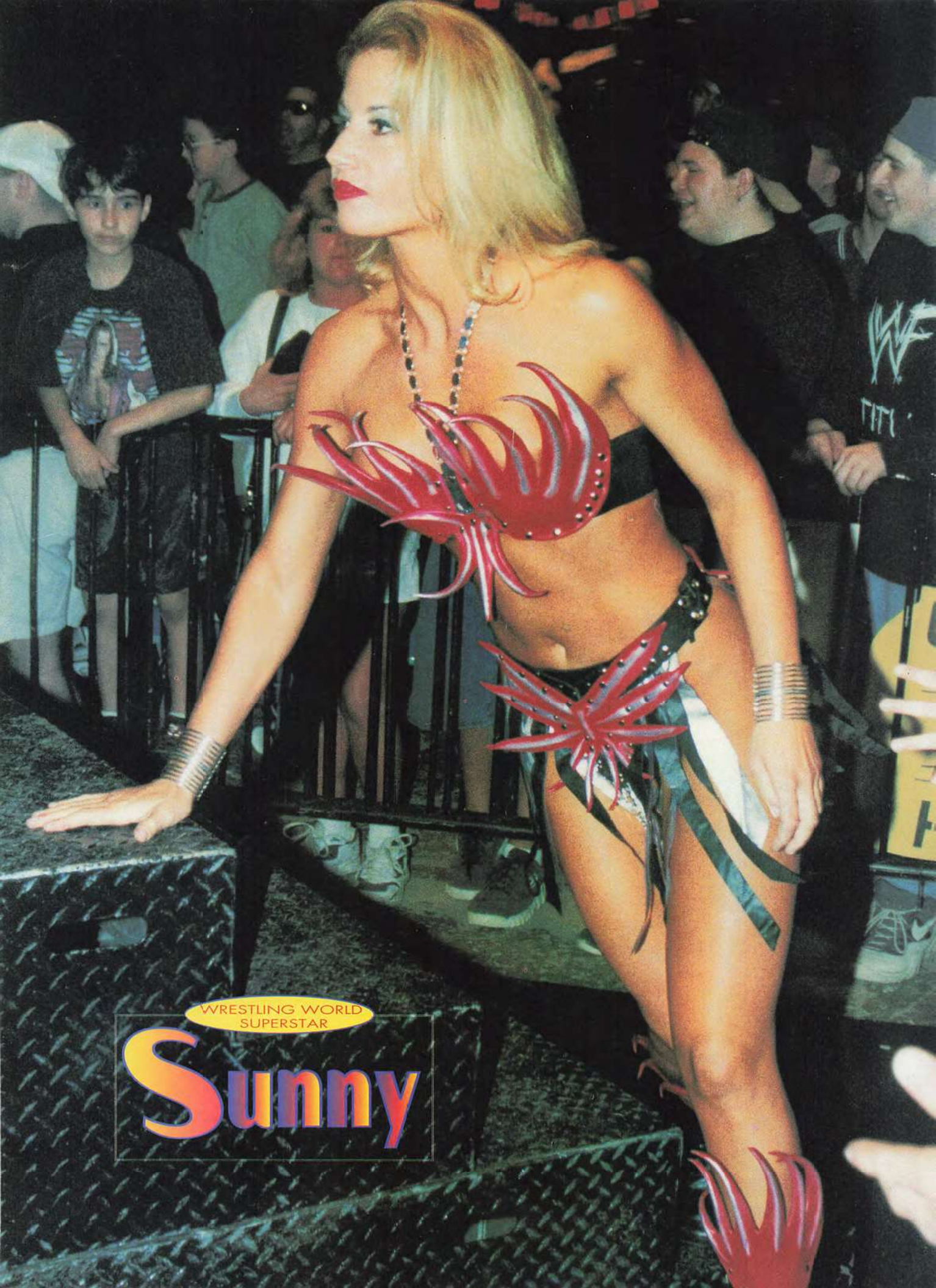
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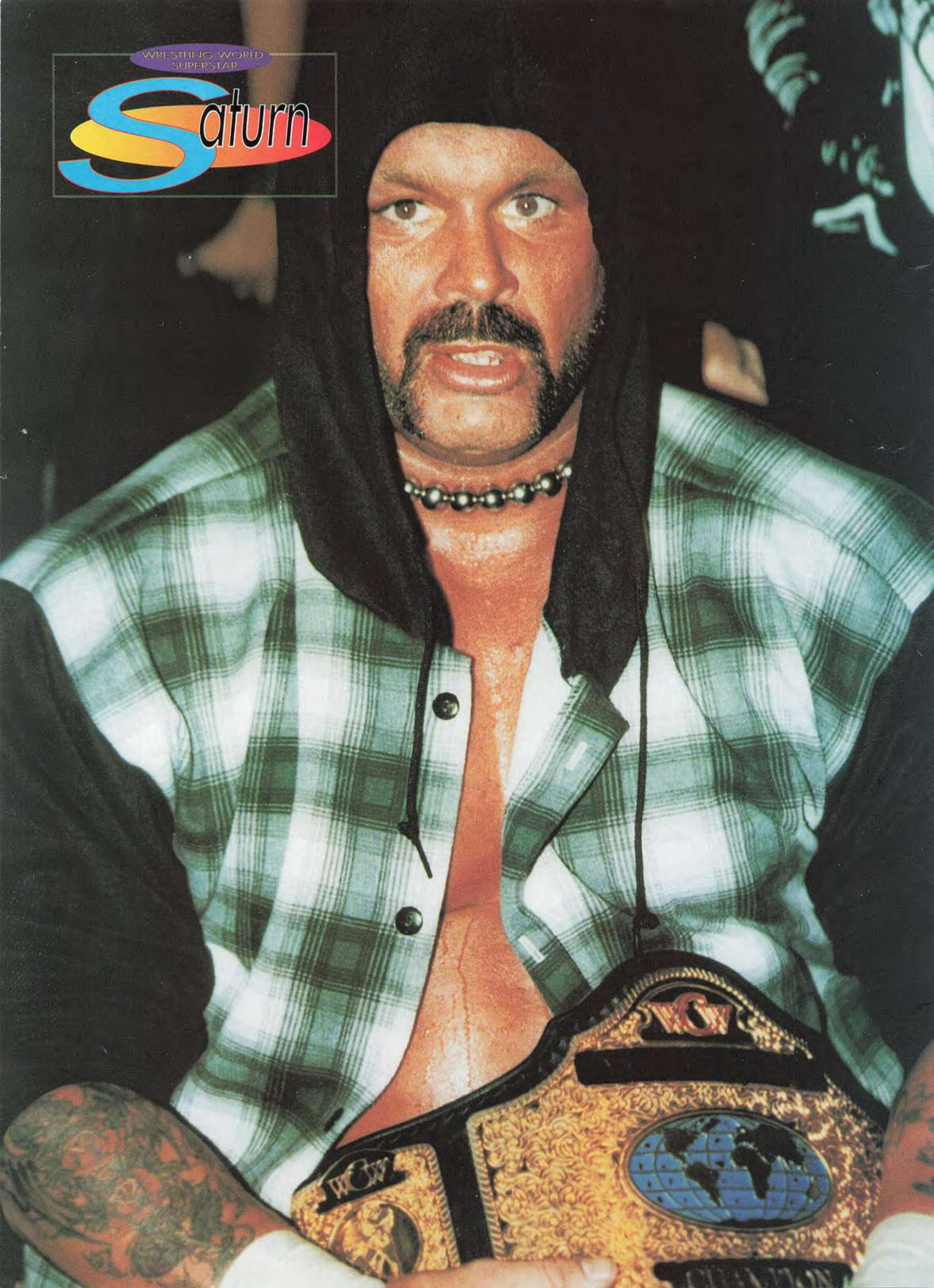
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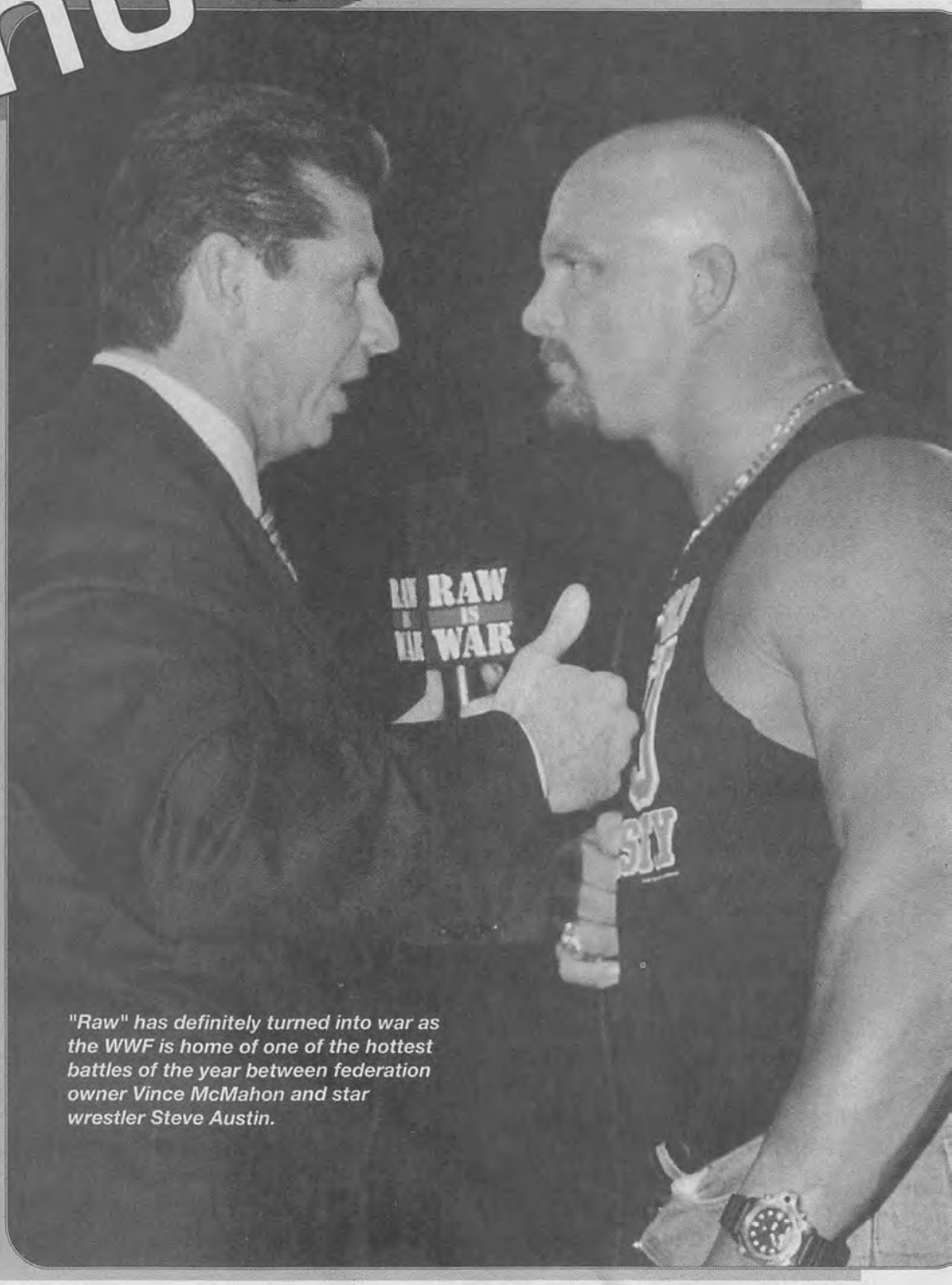
Who's Hot & Who's Not

It's that time of year again where our man Mars will take us on a guided tour of the mat scene to see who's hot and who's not! He has also thrown in some new categories this year for your enjoyment!

By Lonnie Mars

WHEN ANYONE talks about hot in 1998, the conversation must be about the blazing wrestling world.

This torrid sport has captivated a large audience once again, in main part due to the fiery Monday night cable television wars. The World Wrestling Federation and World Championship Wrestling have pulled out all the stops in a vicious



"Raw" has definitely turned into war as the WWF is home of one of the hottest battles of the year between federation owner Vince McMahon and star wrestler Steve Austin.

battle for ratings. The fallout has led to a huge increase at the box office for arena programs as well.

But every clear sky has a few clouds starting to build. So as *Wrestling World* takes its annual look at the "hot" and "not" categories there are plenty of clunkers which are most assuredly NOT hot. Let's look at the whole picture.

HOT--The Undertaker: What a shelf life this gimmick has enjoyed! Mark Callaway has always managed to breath new life into a character many felt would be long gone by now. The problem is someone for The Undertaker to battle, hence the weird and later to be discussed Kane. In the long run, there is only one real opponent for The Undertaker and he is ...

HOT--"Stone Cold" Steve Austin: The new WWF champion truly defines the term hot. Rumor has it that Austin's wife came up with the personality change which made Austin an "overnight sensation" after 10 hard, frustrating years in the business.

Give the WWF credit, though, because this company has always known how to push an idea. Some flop. Some fly. Austin is soaring. Setting up owner Vince McMahon as Austin's personal punching bag has further heated the blaze.

The question on Austin is, of course, his health. This legitimate tough guy who can also actually wrestle has an Achilles' heel with his damaged neck. Thus, the bubble could burst. That would be a tragedy, though, for Austin has indeed earned his moment in the boiling sun.

Mark Callaway continues to breath life into this WWF personality, as no one in the wrestling business expected the Undertaker to last this long--let alone be this successful!

NOT--Mike Tyson: Nice little gimmick, Vince, and it quite obviously helped ratings and buy rates short term. That might be enough to justify the huge expense Tyson brought to the WWF.

But the bottom line is that Tyson did the same tired old thing that every washed up boxer becoming a wrestling referee has done since the dawn of time. Tyson should be history, unless he actually does get involved in some type of ultimate fight scenario. And that's not likely.

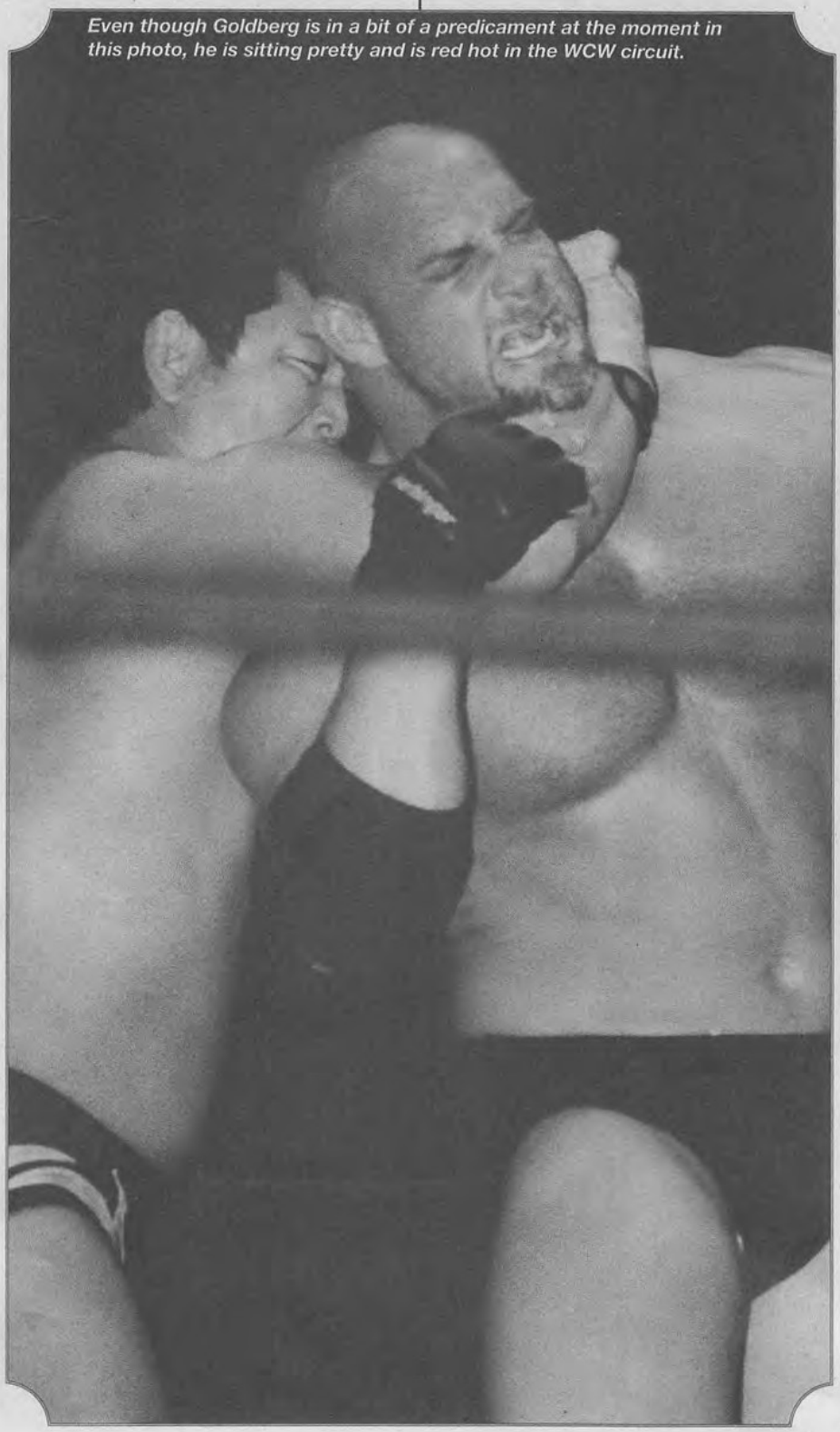
HOT--Goldberg: This monster has a long way to go before he actually learns how to wrestle, but there is no denying he is red-hot for WCW. For once, the fine minds in Atlanta understand the situation and are doing a marvelous job of hiding Goldberg's flaws, while getting maximum value from him. What he does do, he does great. That obviously is enough for now in this

hyper-quick environment.

HOT--Shoot angles: This is, in fact, the term promotions use when they try to twist the rumors of the dressing and board rooms into the skewed reality before the television cameras.

For instance, McMahon really did have a nasty disagreement with Bret Hart before the "Hitman" escaped for WCW. By twisting the stories from that incident into the wrestling end, the WWF has cranked up a hot issue with how McMahon is trying to manipulate Austin.

Likewise, at WCW, stories abound about problems behind the scenes with Kevin Nash, Scott Hall, Hulk Hogan and the parade



Even though Goldberg is in a bit of a predicament at the moment in this photo, he is sitting pretty and is red hot in the WCW circuit.

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The nWo needed some new and younger blood and Scott Steiner seemed to be in a perfect position to grab hold of the opportunity, but his rise has gone cold awfully quick.

of tremendous egos. The firing of Sean Waltman, better known as Syxx or whatever now in the WWF, added fuel to the fire. WCW played on this to initiate the fire between Hogan and Nash.

In addition, Nash used this political in-fighting to enhance his position and his power before leading up to the showdown with Sting for the WCW title.

NOT--Scott Steiner: The nWo clearly needed some new blood and the younger Steiner seemed to be in a spot to jump into the limelight.

Instead, he has jumped sideways and stalled. Doing what appears to be the old "Superstar" Billy Graham gimmick, Steiner has so far become just one of the gang. Part of the problem might be that Scott Steiner is *not* Billy Graham.

NOT--Kane: For years, the WWF has been obsessed with

Judging by the fans' reactions to her (and also by this photo) Sable is outright scorching these days at WWF venues.

coming up with a twin for The Undertaker. Glen Jacobs, who has yet to find a role that fits in this company, has given it a try with an incredible push by McMahon and crew.

Unfortunately, once more it has been found nearly impossible to match the original product. About all that is left is to make Kane and The Undertaker partners, which also won't work since the tag teams are pretty much underneath help and The Undertaker is a main event stud. Kane, however, is not.

HOT--Chris Jericho: The son of former National Hockey League thumper Ted Irvine has finally figured out this wacky business. Without question, he is one of the hottest and most fun acts in WCW. What seems to make Jericho different from the rest is that he truly seems to enjoy what he is doing. An outstanding athlete and performer, Jericho has fun and it comes across. The guy is a joy to watch.

NOT--Light heavyweights in the WWF: They still haven't figured out how to promote the smaller, more acrobatic grapplers like Taka Michinoku. That's a shame, because these guys can ignite a crowd if given a chance. But by pounding them with bigger foes, the WWF leaves the impression that when they battle each other everyone should go get popcorn.

HOT--Sable, Sunny and Luna: Hey, face it--SEX sells. Sable and Sunny can feed many a male dream and Luna feeds--well, something.

Once again, a promotion has found a way to market something without revealing its many weaknesses. Of course, a large portion of the WWF audience could care less if Sable has a weakness.

NOT - Curt Hennig: Is he still wrestling?

NOT - Jeff Jarrett: Is he still wrestling?

HOT--Chris Benoit: This inferno is still wrestling! The sparks literally fly from the dynamo, who is

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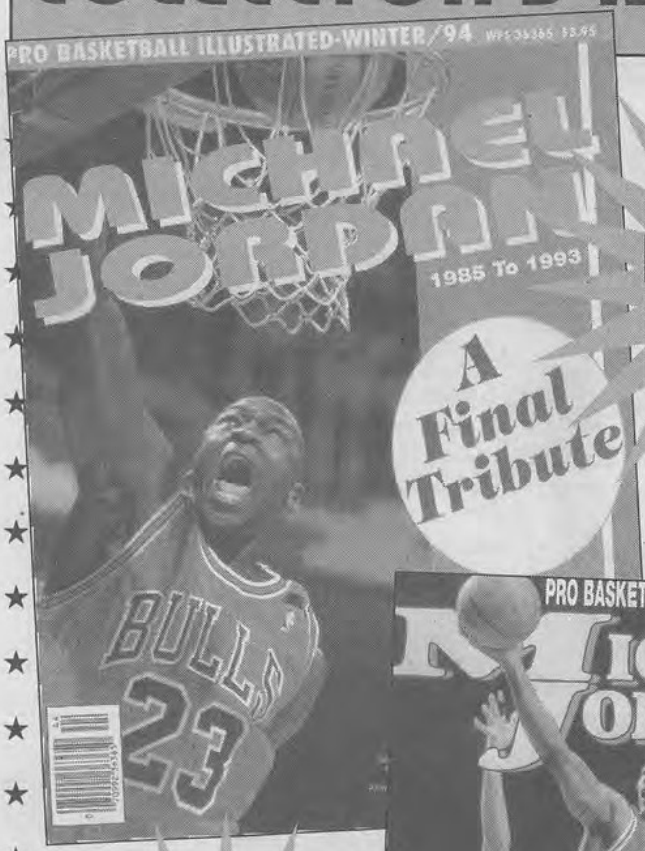

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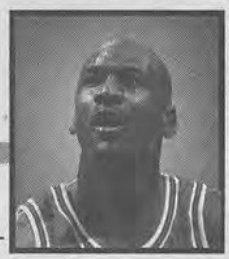

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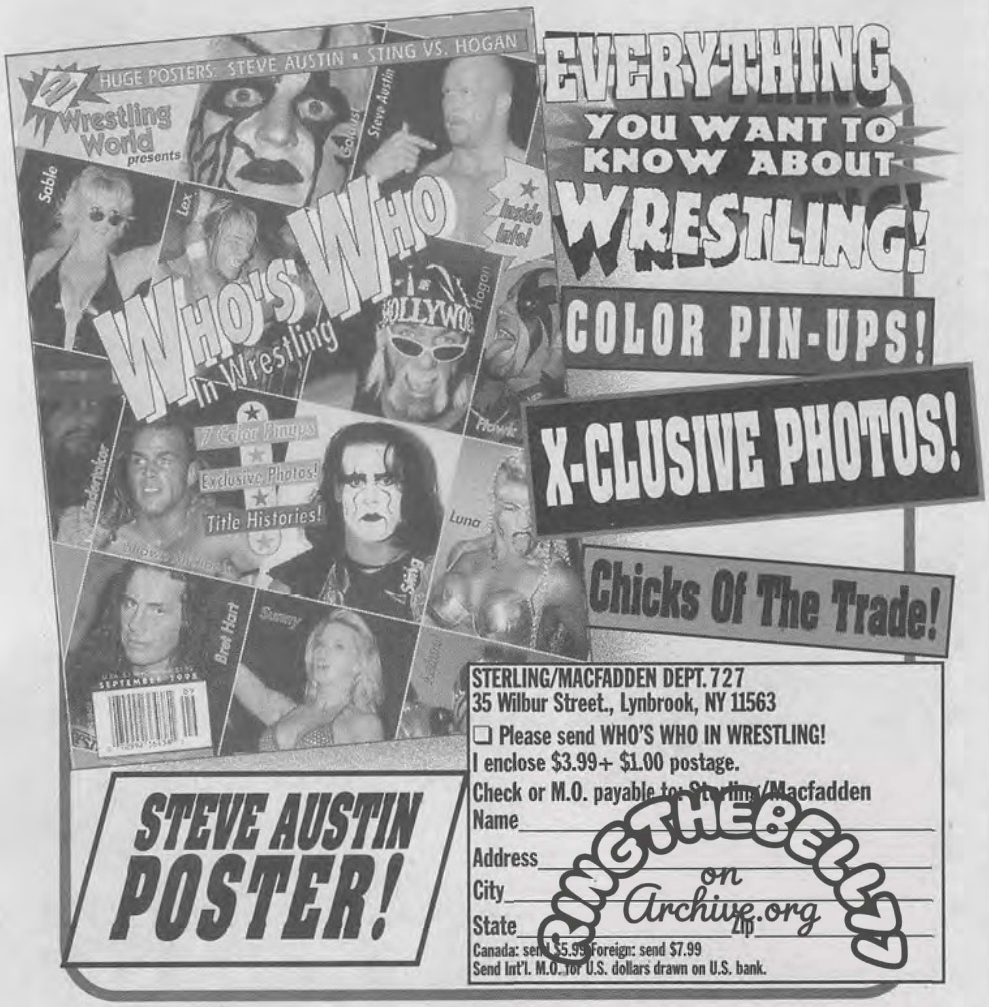

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This Kane doesn't seem able--that is to compete not only in the ring with the Undertaker, but also with the wrestling fans.

a fabulous brawler despite a smaller stature. Whoever tangles with Benoit looks better than he is (Raven? Diamond Dallas Page? Kevin Sullivan?) simply because Benoit is so doggone good and fans recognize Benoit's explosive nature.

NOT--Sting: Friends, this idea looked good at first and pretty much died later. The most energy that Sting has shown in the past year-plus came during an interview before his controversial championship duel with Kevin Nash on *Nitro*. Unfortunately, that was probably because Sting was angry at being a pawn in a political scuffle. If he had that fire all the time, maybe Sting would get hot. Now, though, he's not!

LUKEWARM--What! A new category?

Face it, Ken Shamrock and Bret Hart and Hulk Hogan all have huge upside. None are not hot--Hogan is still the biggest name in wrestling. None, however, are hot right now. All are kind of simmering, just waiting for a fire to start.

With Hogan, always count on him being at the forefront. With Hart, too much money is invested for him not to get a giant push. With Shamrock, he needs that one magic moment to explode into stardom.

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With the collection of elements listed, is it any wonder that when it comes to *hot* in 1998, the sport of wrestling is on fire!★

WHO'S THE BOSS?
McMAHON OR AUSTIN?

"Raw" has turned into an all-out war on Monday nights as all *HELL* has broken loose between WWF owner Vince McMahon and wrestling superstar "Stone Cold" Steve Austin. The tide may be turning here and the captain may no longer be steering the ship. What's your opinion? We'd love to know!

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By Don Laible

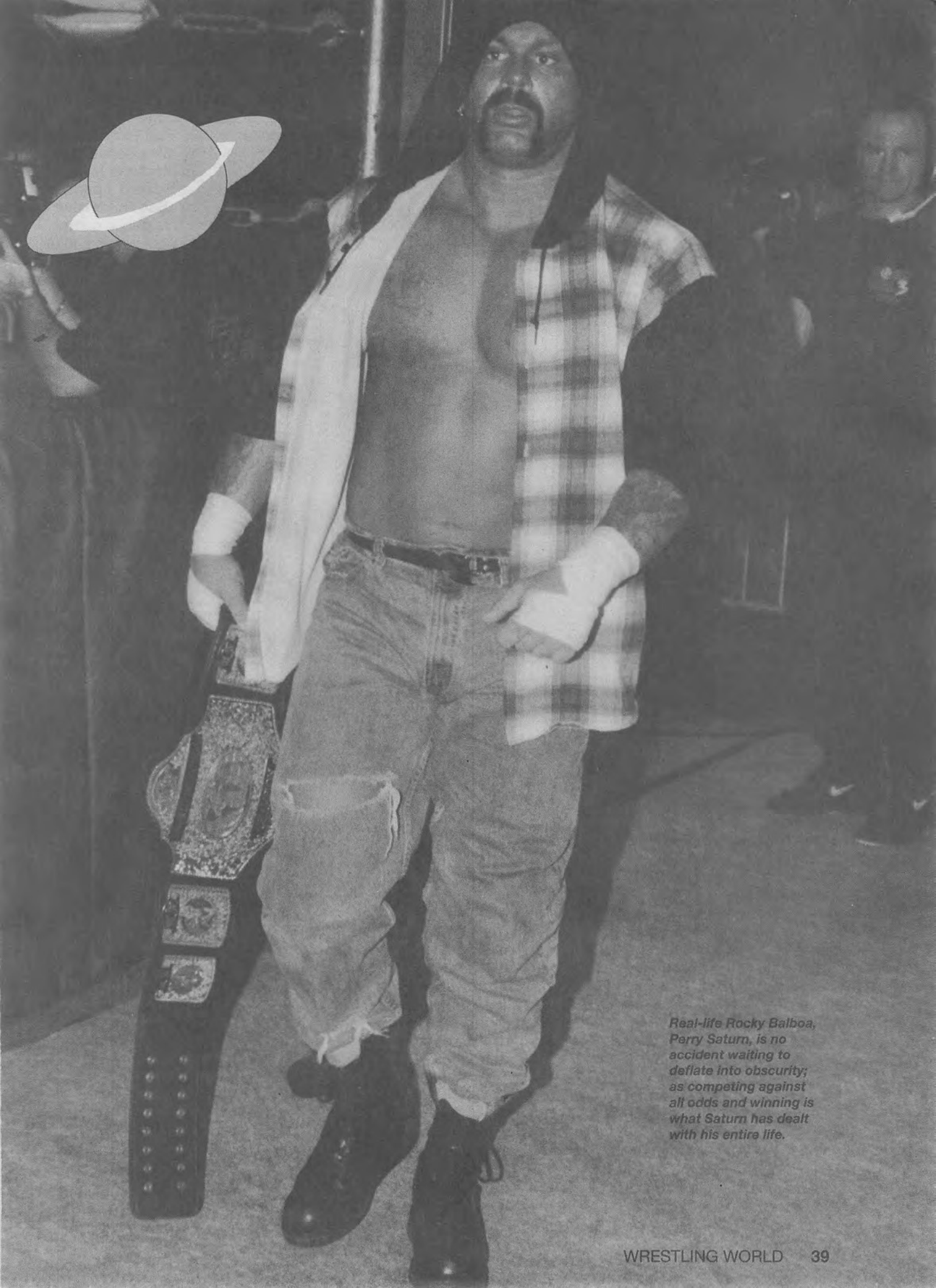
LONG BEFORE his induction into Raven's Flock in 1997, World Championship Wrestling's Saturn was well prepared for mat stardom. Success wasn't the former World Television titlest's entitlement, but his reward. It remains the Cleveland, Ohio native's driving inspiration. The eight years of personal and professional sacrifices in the grappling game have only strengthened Saturn's determination to remain grouped with the elite; the movers and shakers who define his craft's directions.

This rags to riches, real-life Rocky Balboa of the squared circle is no accident waiting to deflate into obscurity; competing against all odds and winning is what Saturn has dealt with his entire life. Flashback to May 31, 1997. The scene is set in Trenton, New Jersey. As part of the Extreme Championship Wrestling bill in the Garden State's capital, Saturn and his then tag-partner of five years, John Kronus, collectively billed as the Eliminators, took part in a three-way-dance with the other two tag teams participating--PG-13 and the Dudleys.

Early on in the contest the 5-11 240-lbs. Saturn sustained a knee injury. After test results concluded that surgery was required, the nine-year pro from Cleveland was informed by doctors that the healing process would require up to 10 months to ensure a full recovery. The surgery was performed and deemed successful and a knee brace was fitted for Saturn.

Less than one week after undergoing major knee reconstruction, the 12-year student of Judo-Kwan in which he earned a second degree black belt, Saturn was back on tour with ECW, providing moral support to Kronus and then some. Steadying himself on crutches, shockingly, the former pupil of legendary mat villain Walter "Killer" Kowalski was sneaking in leg drops off the middle turnbuckles and tackling those in battle with Kronus.

Surprising, and labeled idiotic by those familiar with the incredibly competitively driven Saturn, he gained mobility with his surgically repaired knee at a rapid pace. To those within the locker room and within a close circle of confidantes, they knew Saturn would never miss a booking. Whereas James Brown has toured dance stages dubbed as "the



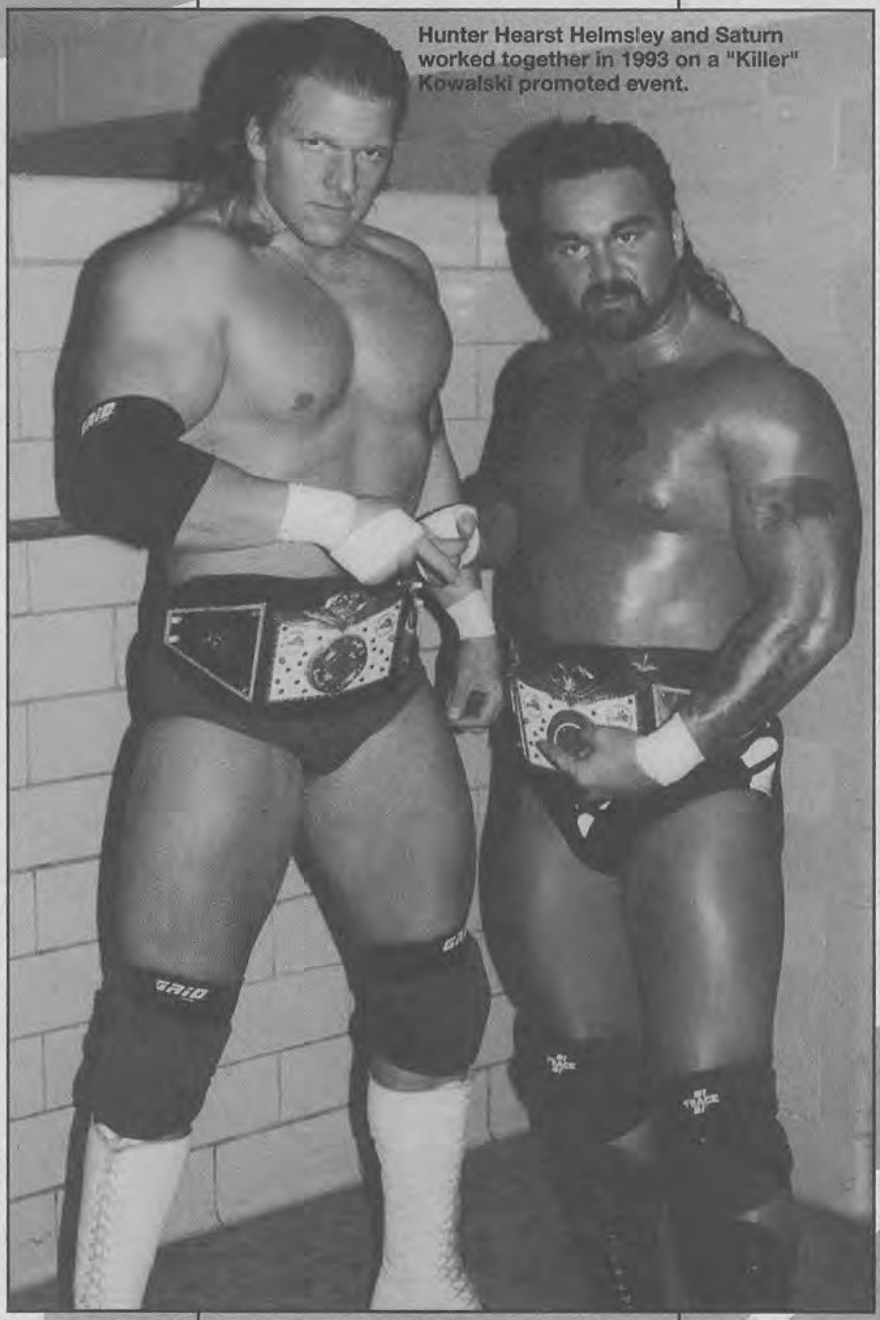
Real-life Rocky Balboa, Perry Saturn, is no accident waiting to deflate into obscurity; as competing against all odds and winning is what Saturn has dealt with his entire life.

hardest working man in show business, "Saturn has earned such honors in between the ring ropes.

Bucking those experts labeling Saturn, who at age 17 joined the United States Army, as "too small" to be a major-league player, was a quest from day one of his pro career. The record book reads October 27, 1990, Waltham, MA, Perry Saturn versus Robbie Ellis presented by the United Sates Wrestling Federation. That was Saturn's pro debut. In wrestling terms that was another lifetime for him.

In his early days of learning the ropes, long before discovering Kronus, Saturn put in his time studying those who succeeded on a global basis, and practiced, practiced, practiced.

The hard-working grappler now resides in New York's Long Island, but he regards Boston, MA as his adopted home town. There are only positive memories of his apprentice years working on his game in Kowalski's training school three and four times weekly. He traveled throughout New England for the International Wrestling Federation and various other independent promotions friendly to upstarts. Saturn, who boasts four years of amateur wrestling to his resume, was announced as "Iron Horseman" early in his career.



Hunter Hearst Helmsley and Saturn worked together in 1993 on a "Killer" Kowalski promoted event.

Clad in a black leather cowboy hat, matching vest and chaps the man from the Badlands gave each match his all. Wrestling was his ticket not only to stardom in the professional sense, it was also to be his vehicle of escaping an abusive childhood and difficult adolescent years. Wrestling continues to provide the former WCW champion structure.

Highly respectful and to this day remaining extremely loyal to his mentor "Killer," the master of the "Rings of Saturn" submission hold has not and vows never to forget his wrestling roots. Those knowing his long road traveled to now being viewed by millions of wrestling fans weekly on WCW programs begin with former World Wrestling Federation referee and now ECW co-promoter of New England events Paul Richard, and Mike Benasky of Medford, MA, Richard's partner.

Saturn, despite his public game persona, is a loner outside the arena. He gets to his hotel room and isn't heard from until checkout time. Quiet by choice, this wrestler is not one to open up freely, much less with enormous amounts of emotion. Intimacy is earned. Richard and Benasky are among those who Saturn puts his trust in. Although now employed by two competing organizations, the kinship between the three remains intact.

Rarely is such loyalty experienced for such a prolonged period in a sport such as wrestling, where egos and the "what can you do for me today" attitude are dominant. I know this first hand where Saturn is concerned. For two years, hidden under a hood as The Bug, Saturn allowed me the privilege to accompany him to the ring as his manager. Certainly capable from his pro debut to take care of business on his own, I had the best unobstructed view in high school gyms and civic auditoriums in watching his career progress rapidly.

To him, it was never in question as to if, but when, the name Saturn would become familiar world wide. Time spent sharing car rides to and from bookings, and late night meals with established stars as The Honky Tonk

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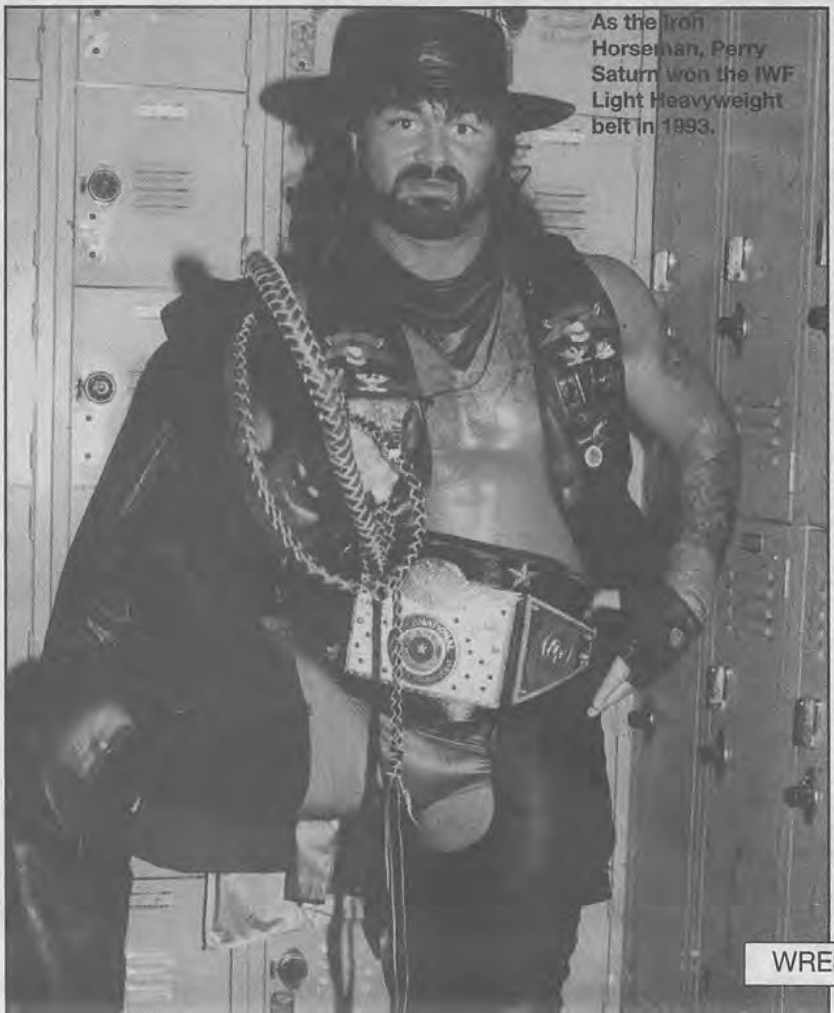
Man, The Warlord, "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka, and Bob Orton, Jr. allowed Saturn to retain and reinvent information passed onto him. There's no time limit to not learn anymore about his craft, even at this stage of his career as second in command of Raven's Flock.

And respect to Saturn, who while the IWF light heavyweight belt holder shared locker room chatter with another Kowalski student, Terra Rising, who today is Hunter Hearst Helmsley of WWF fame, is given by not only those in the Flock, but outside as well. After winning the WCW TV strap from Disco



As the Iron Horseman, Perry Saturn won the IWF Light Heavyweight belt in 1993.

Inferno on November 3, 1997 in Philadelphia, PA before a live television audience, Raven was the first to congratulate him.

It's no secret that Raven and Saturn were close friends during their ECW tenures. Friendship on both sides was earned. Both continue to succeed from determination, as opposed to going the relative or shirt-tail route to accelerate their climb to the top. And when losing to Goldberg, in becoming the 74th victim consecutively, on April 19, 1998, Saturn didn't waste a second on self-pity.

He simply moved on and beat the breath out of former

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Flock hand Hammer. Coming back from a knee injury, the most painful physically as well as emotionally draining period of his life, one that football great Jerry Rice required three months of rest and physical therapy for, that was work for Saturn.

Saturn, like every grappler, has to deal with living out of a suitcase when the federation takes to the road.

Dueling Booker T and Rick Martel, two well-schooled veterans was a valuable learning period according to Saturn. "There are no guarantees in this business. You have to take of what presents itself. Knowledge is power.

And Saturn has experience. As a singles competitor, with less than three full years of ring service to his credit, New Japan Pro Wrestling Talent Scout "Tokyo Joe" Daigo after being dispatched from Calgary, Canada upon hearing glowing reports on the novice's ring work, booked Saturn for the Orient. With a budding reputation as a no-nonsense, tough guy to get in a compromising position in between the ring ropes long before the creation of the No-Holds-Barred groups, Saturn received other invitations to Japan.

With the storied, incredibly-long road trips and stingy paychecks, but valuable in-ring experience behind them in the USWA, with Kronus at his side, the Eliminators competed regularly for the WAR (Wrestle and Romance) promotion in Japan. During their five years as a tandem, the Eliminators, tabbed by many after much thought as the '90's version of a combination between the Road Warriors and Midnight Express, accomplished far more than they, and most others thought would be possible.

"As a virtual unknown I appreciate the opportunity ECW gave me," Saturn said. Choosing to move on in a step he saw as a career move upward, Saturn broke ranks with his partner and friend Kronus. There was no selling out ECW or John. It was the proper professional move to make for Saturn. He remains cognizant of who he is, where he is, and remains confident as to how far his career will go. And in no way has the man allowed himself to get absorbed by his own publicity.

Whether one approves of his work habits or not, Saturn has earned the distinction of being clumped with the "good guys," the working class who worked their way up from the mail room to the board room. Such mobility is impossible not to admire. Perry Saturn is smash-mouth wrestling at its best. Nice guys do finish first occasionally, and Saturn is one of the game's good news stories.★

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By Jim Varsallone

ULTIMATE Fighting Champion and National Wrestling Alliance world champion Dan Severn walks without the strut, the glitz, the glamour so accustomed to those in his profession. He casually shakes hands with a few fans, signs some autographs and talks to kids. Before a match, he sits alone--away from the crowd, away from the other competitors, away from any distractions--deep, deep in meditation.

How can anyone so easy going, so mild-mannered, so well-behaved, be tagged with the nickname "The Beast?"

After watching Severn in the ring, it's easy to answer that question. Once the bell sounds, the 6-2, 250-pound Severn is a changed man stalking his opponent like a lion stalks its prey.

"The years of experience I have," Severn said, "I haven't been scared or nervous in well over a decade. You either have to be prepared for success or prepared for failure. I know I have to be prepared for success. That's the mental make-up that I carry with myself."

He continued: "When I go into a competition, I'm focused when I step out there. I have only one agenda at that point in time, and that is to win."

Severn, 39, began wrestling 29 years ago as a seventh-grader in the farmlands of Michigan. A two-time state champion, he also won two national titles for a high school in Montrose. He set eight national high-school records en route to becoming the bluest chip of blue chippers.

Severn, the youngest of five brothers, chose Arizona State University. He followed in the line of his older siblings by earning All-American status.

"It all started with my oldest brother, and he set the tempo as an NCAA All-American," Severn said, "then the second oldest, and we all just continued to follow suit."

A consummate competitor, Severn is closing in on 4,000 matches. That's more than 100 matches a year.

"My goal is to at least stay active until the year 2000, amateur wise," Severn said.

What keeps Severn going is the quest to compete in the Olympics. He has participated in six U.S. Olympic trials, twice making the team as an alternate. He will be 42 by the next one, but age is not a concern because he maintains a rigorous training schedule coupled with a solid farm boy's physique (50-inch chest, 37-inch waist) stemming from very healthy, God-given genes.

"The year 2000 will be No. 7," Severn said. "I may have to push it back to 2004. I don't know. I just don't feel like giving up, yet."

He continued: "I have to work a little bit harder to keep an edge. I'm not that 29-year-old anymore. I'm that 39-year old."

As an amateur, Severn won more than 90 state, national and international freestyle titles while setting many records. At an age now allowing him to compete in the master's division, Severn rules the world.

"Most people just withdraw when they see me in the field," Severn said. "Even though I'm one

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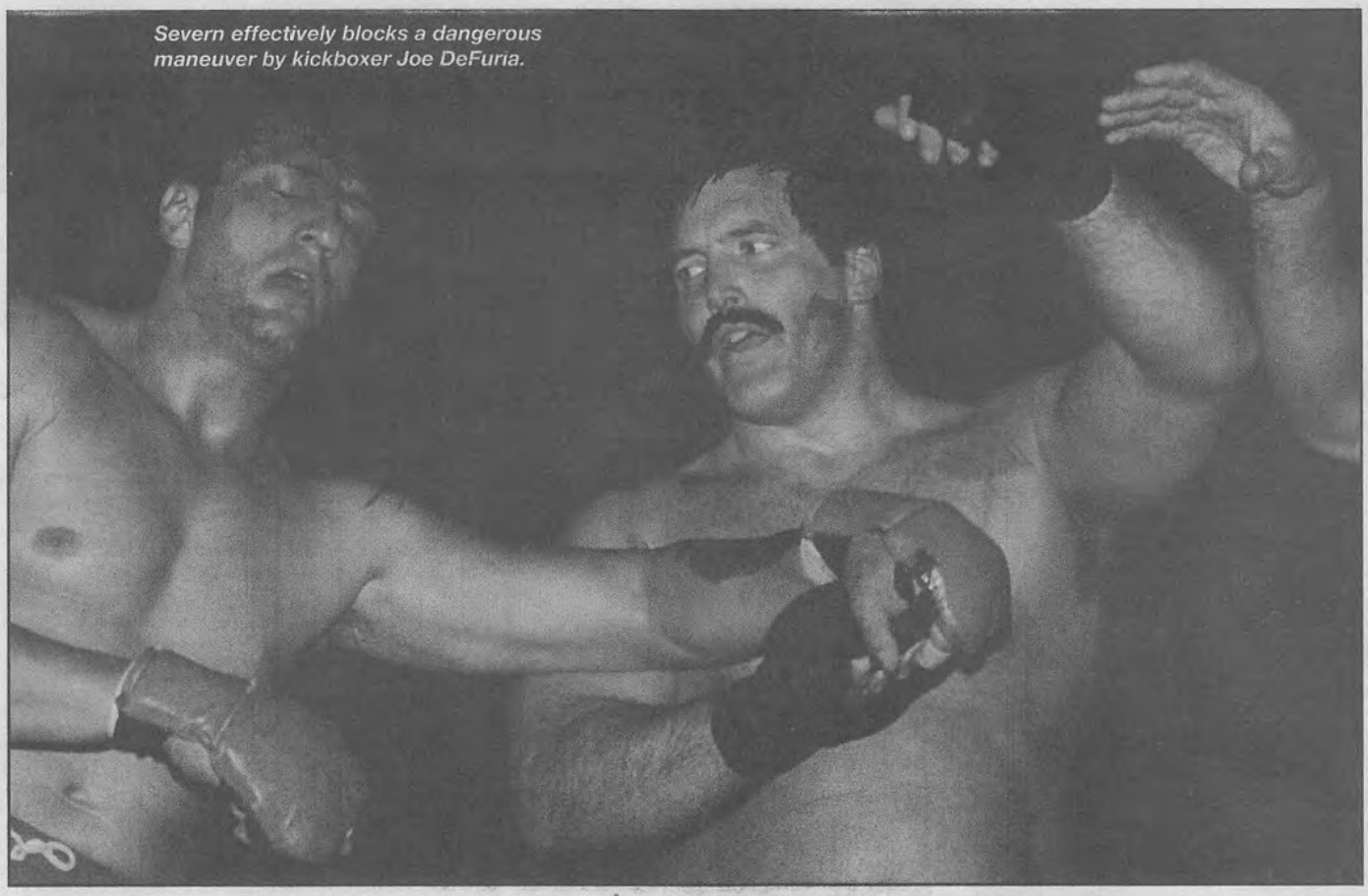

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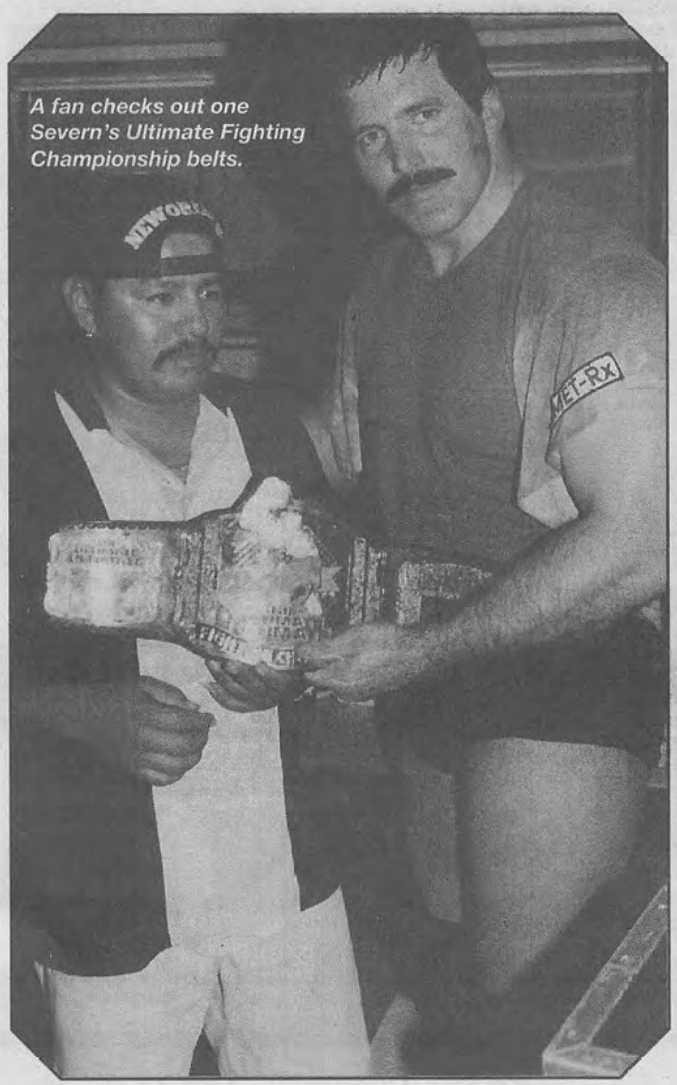
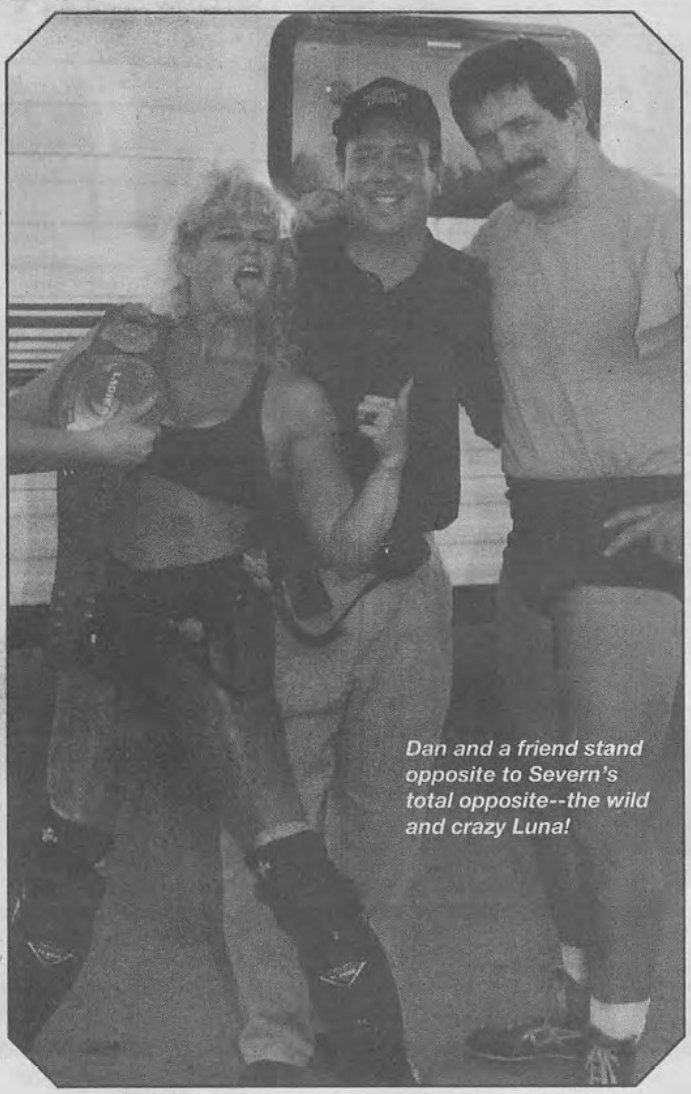


A fan checks out one Severn's Ultimate Fighting Championship belts.



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DAN SEVERN: THE BEAST IS ON THE LOOSE IN THE WWF!

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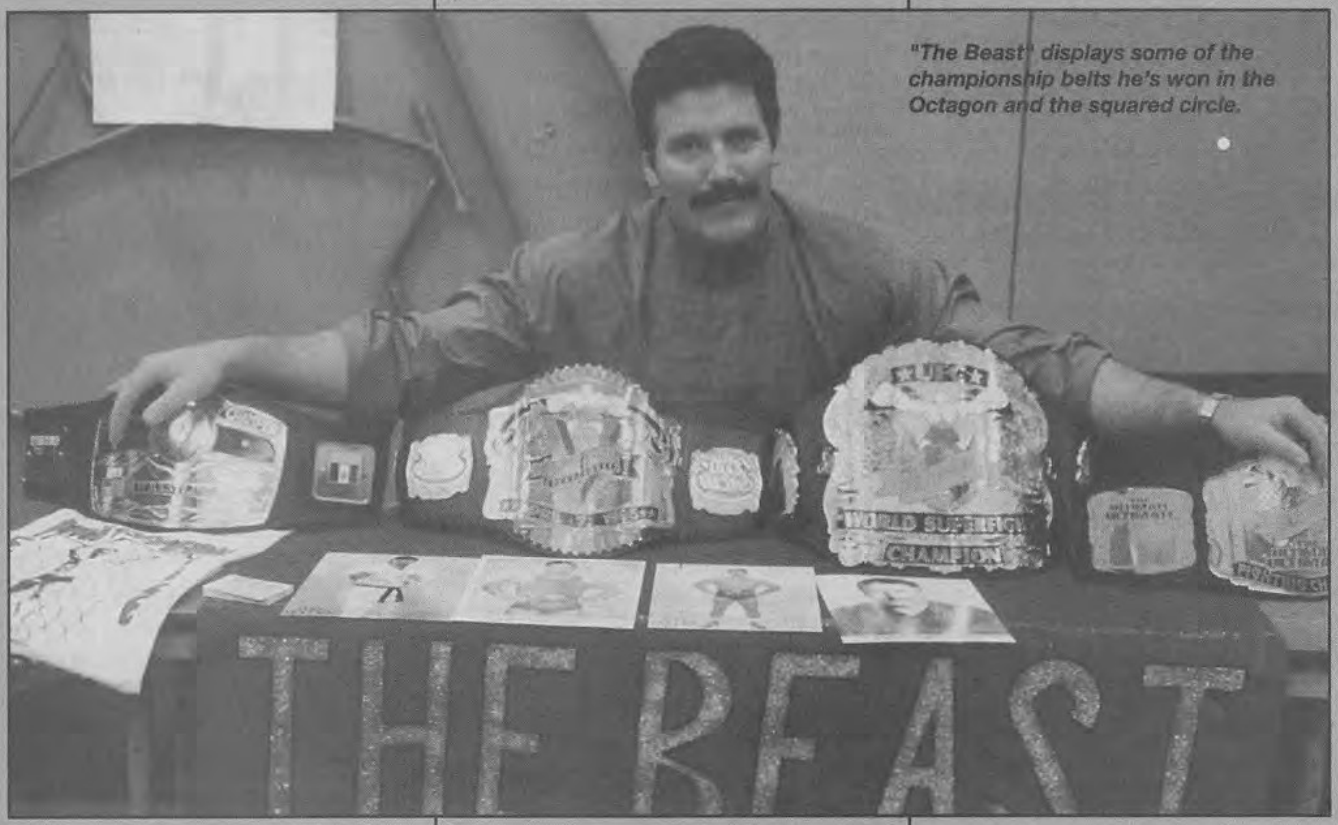
of the older athletes out there, I'm still a pretty gamy person. I know when to turn on the ole' tempo."

Severn also trained in judo, began a pro career in 1992 when professional athletes became eligible to compete in the Olympics. He became well known to the general public by winning the Ultimate Fighting Championship in front of millions on pay-per-view television.

"People in the amateur wrestling world, sure, they knew who I was and what my accomplishments were," Severn said, "but nobody else really knew about me until my involvement in the Ultimate Fighting Championships a few years ago, and now I'm being recognized as the UFC fighter."

Severn, who is a strong proponent of mandatory drug testing in the UFC, competed last year in a shoot fight against South Florida local Joe DeFuria in the main event of a Sunshine Wrestling Federation card at the Micausukee Indian Bingo Hall in Tamiami, FL. DeFuria more than held his own, but in the end, Severn won the match by submission with a leg scissors armlock. A consummate professional, Severn impressed the crowd with yet another victory.

Severn has been turning more and more to professional wrestling as of late. He defeated the legendary Dory Funk, Jr. to win the NWA world heavyweight title. Former champions include Jack Brisco, Ric Flair, Terry Funk, Harley Race, Dusty Rhodes and Lou Thesz.



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Severn signed with the World Wrestling Federation in January, following in the footsteps of former UFC fighter Ken Shamrock. Shamrock has progressed at a rapid pace since his entrance into the world or professional wrestling with the WWF. Severn provided color commentary last year for one of Shamrock's matches on "Raw Is War," the WWF's top television show, prime time Monday nights on the USA cable network. After the match, Shamrock and Severn looked hard into each other's eyes--a cold stare--and then out of respect shook hands.

In the WWF, Jim Cornette has revitalized the NWA with traditional-style wrestling, along with associates Dennis Coraluzzo and Howard Brody. They brought the NWA tag team champion Rock 'N Roll Express (Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson) to the WWF and recruited former NWA champion Barry Windham and new NWA North American champion Jeff Jarrett. It's the NWA against the WWF, sort of.

With Severn the NWA world champion, it's a wonder whether or not he will associate himself with Jim Cornette and friends down the road or tackle the WWF by himself. A program with Shamrock is a must, and a possible allegiance with Shamrock would be another crowd-pleasing pairing.

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THE BUSHWHACKERS: AN ASSAULT ON THE DIGNITY OF WRESTLING

The Bushwhackers epitomize the low estate of those ill-bred, with their unconventional attire and disregard for the rules of the sport. And if there could be any doubt as to the fact that these two are a couple of low-lifes, simply observing their behavior--in or out of the ring--should be sufficient to convince even the most charitable person that what we have here are two of the most unsavory individuals in professional wrestling.

By Bartholomew C. Appleyard III

IT OCCURS to me that even some of you heathen colonists in the Americas are aware that Australia was also once a British colony, established for the purpose of exiling the worst elements of the Mother Country whose offenses were not quite sufficient to justify hanging.

To put it bluntly, Australia was a penal colony. And as far as we of the British Aristocracy are concerned, that miserable island outpost in the South Pacific is still populated by an unsavory element who might better be locked up in the prisons to which their ancestors were consigned more than a century ago.

It is with this in mind that I consider a team of wrestlers from this island that civilization forgot. I speak of Lucifer and Bromley, or as you American colonists prefer, "Luke and Butch," otherwise known as the "Bushwhackers."

Whereas the study of American culture is a colossal bore, I have forced myself to engage in a modicum of research, and I have found that the term, "bushwhacker," is used to describe one who lies in ambush to make a cowardly, surprise attack on one's unsuspecting victim. I understand that: the practice was quite common during your "American Revolution," at which time your rag-tag armies would lie in wait, hidden by bushes in your forests, until a small patrol in His Majesty's service should happen by; at which time your proletarian oafs would open fire from ambush, and then only if they had their British adversaries comfortably outnumbered.

Ill-bred or not, Luke and Butch take the time to amuse a couple of young friends!

Since Aussies tend to be as ill-bred as you American colonists, it comes as no surprise to me that the two aforementioned ruffians have chosen to call themselves the "Bushwhackers." And if there could be any doubt as to the fact that these two are a couple of low-lifes, simply observing their behavior--in or out of the ring--should be sufficient to convince even the most charitable person that what we have here are two of the most unsavory individuals in professional wrestling.

Before going any further, I believe it should be pointed out that one of these misfits--Lucifer, if I'm not mistaken (and I rarely am)--once teamed up with an individual from New Zealand, with whom he shared a sheep-ranching enterprise.

As I understand it, the two of them were deported as a result of, shall we say, "improprieties" having to do with their allegedly deviant approach to animal husbandry.

You Americans are correct in one matter which is that you designate wrestling as the King of Sports--or at least you once did. I rather imagine you're ashamed to do so anymore, since you've accepted the dregs of the Australian continent into that activity.

Perhaps wrestling might better

The Bushwhackers--do they really look like ill-bred wrestlers from the island that civilization forgot, as our author suggests?

be called the Sport of Kings; however thoroughbred horse racing has already been thusly designated, so I suppose King of Sports will have to suffice. Actually, however, wrestling is a sport in which Kings of England have participated. Permit me to explain.

Henry VIII, who was King of England from 1509 to 1547, was renowned for his many great achievements. He was a kind-hearted monarch, loved by his people, and by each of his six wives. He was also renowned for his skill as a wrestler. In his prime, he could defeat any man in the entire kingdom. Small wonder that none ever challenged the brilliant decisions Henry VIII made during his reign as England's most prestigious head of state.

For wrestling to be a sport worthy of kings makes it all the more outrageous that it is corrupted by commoners--and not only the bourgeois commoners (which would be bad enough), but by the very dregs of society!

I find it painful to admit that even some Englishmen of rank have lowered themselves to participate in the sport as conducted in the American colonies. Sir Oliver Humperdink found his knighthood rescinded after he undertook the management of one Virgil Riley Runnels, Jr., otherwise known as Dusty Rhodes. Runnels became involved in professional wrestling only after being expelled from West Texas State University for purloining a bucket truck from the local power company and using it to conduct a panty raid at the dean of women's quarters. Can you imagine someone knighted by Her Majesty associating with such riffraff?

My good friend and associate, Lord Alfred Hayes, advised me some years ago that the quality of the sport in the American colonies was declining at an alarming rate. Dear Alfred, an accomplished wrestler himself, saw the handwriting on the wall long before I did. Gentle soul that he is, he tried managing a couple of unruly oafs who called themselves the "Jayhawkers." I believe the term relates to a particularly unsavory lot who chose to prolong hostilities following the termination of the American Civil War.

Just as that period of history was a significant indictment of you colonists' inability to govern yourselves in a civilized manner, dear Alfred's misguided altruism proved to be a significant embarrassment to him, and I feel confident that he will never again cast his lot with individuals of such low estate.

One obviously cannot expect a great deal from individuals who

Never one to give up, Butch struggles to get to his feet after a particularly brutal assault from a Posse member.

are of Australian extraction. That miserable piece of real estate expends a great deal of money to try and attract tourists, many of whom are Americans. Few British visit Australia, however, and none who are of good breeding.

A dear friend of mine, Sir Geoffrey Higgins, is a professor of natural sciences at Cambridge. His specialty is herpetology, and he has told me things about the Australian culture that I find absolutely shocking.

They have dozens, perhaps hundreds, of species of snakes there, and nearly all are poisonous--including some of the deadliest in the world. And these venomous reptiles are allowed to maintain habitat, not only on farms, but actually in the suburban housing areas of major cities!

Sir Geoffrey also informs me that there are no safe waters for bathing in Australia. Huge, aggressive crocodiles infest the rivers and marshes, and great white sharks are common at the beaches. Perhaps this has something to do with why Australians are so reluctant to bathe; however one might suppose that they'd be safe enough in their own bathtubs--those who even own bathtubs, that is.

While studying anthropology at Oxford, I became acquainted with General Jonnathan Phipps, who was organizing an expedition to Australia and invited me along. I was unable to accept the invitation, since I was in the process of adapting Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" to the telly--a pointless task, really, considering that most television viewers would prefer to watch Americans performing hillbilly music--but at least I was spared a trip to that dreadful continent of Australia!

When General Phipps returned, he told me about the primitives who dwelt in the Australian outback. Aborigines, they're called. Cannibals and head-hunters is what they are, and yet the white settlers in Australia relate to them as equals. (Which, I rather imagine, establishes that they actually are.)

The double-teamed Luke readies himself for some low-budget flying as the Southern Posse are about to send him into orbit!

These Bushwhackers, as they're called, certainly do epitomize the low estate of Australians, with their unconventional attire and disregard for the rules of the sport. I've even heard it said that they sometimes experience infestations of body lice. This is something which would absolutely not be tolerated in the Mother Country!

Of course, it's probably a matter of little concern in the American colonies, where the only culture is agriculture, and vermin infest the bodies of the unwashed masses of humanity as noticeably as the bodies of barnyard animals.

The Bushwhackers were scheduled to wrestle an American team in an obscure village in northern Florida not long ago. A place called Williston, which is not located anywhere near any citadel of civilization. The people who live in this region think Beethoven's Fifth is a bottle of cheap whiskey.

The Bushwhackers' opponents were Americans of similarly low station. They were called "Southern Posse," a term which invokes images of a lynch mob. I rather imagine they came to the ring wearing bib overalls, or perhaps even white sheets and hoods. I'm not certain about their attire, as I didn't attend the event. I absolutely refuse to mingle with the class of people who would pay to see four low-lifes like these engage in a brawl designed to amuse the unsophisticated.

The photographs which accompany this feature were taken by an underling, whom I instructed to send them directly to the publisher. If they're not satisfactory, blame the poor quality of workmanship you Americans settle for.

If wrestling is the King of Sports, then Luke and Butch are ring royalty!

Somewhat belatedly, I was notified that the contest in question was what is called a "bullrope" match, an abomination of the wrestling science which originated in Texas. And of course, Texas has probably done more than any other desert outpost to corrupt the sport of wrestling, thanks to the efforts of people like Virgil Runnels and the Funk family.

Well, hello! Not only was this a bullrope match, it was a double bullrope match. Opponents tethered with lengths of rope suitable to restraining cattle and/or their two-legged intellectual equivalents. I shudder to think of how my reputation would have suffered, had I been seen attending a debacle of this magnitude!

Being a man of my word, I undertook to finish this article on these Bushwhackers, despite my revulsion at the degree to which these proletarians have degraded the wrestling science. I am surprised that even you American colonists would tolerate such an outrage--but perhaps I shouldn't be .

In any event, I shall not be bothered with exposing the likes of these Bushwhackers for the misfits they are anymore, as you Americans obviously have no discernment in such matters.

I plan to accept an offer from the BBC to produce a series of programs featuring the more cultured aspects of scientific wrestling, the better to educate the public concerning the finer points of this historically acclaimed sport.

And I can assure you that the likes of these odoriferous Bushwhackers will have no part in any such presentation.★

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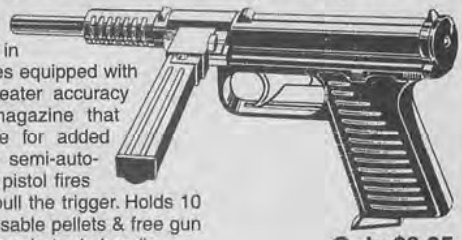

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DON'T TAKE YOUR LIFE IN YOUR HANDS!

Professional wrestlers have other uses for their hands besides beating their opponents senseless. Hand signs have become an important part of a wrestler's identity and a fan's loyalty. But we urge you to keep the hand signs in the arena and out of the streets. It just may save your life!

By Professor Turner Buckle
(All illustrations are of actual gang signs)

YOUNG wrestling fans are in danger! Professional wrestling is playing with the lives of America's children. Whenever a WCW superstar walks down the runway to the ring of "Monday Nitro," they are greeted by a forest of hand signs, rising above the crowd: Diamond Dallas Page's' "Self High Five," nWo's "4-Life" and the Wolf Pack's "Wolf Head" are all part of the show. Showing your allegiance to your favorite superstar is the right of every wrestling fan. But the problem is that these hand signs are frighteningly similar to the visual symbols "thrown up" or "flashed" by gang members to illustrate affiliation with certain gangs. Before you scoff at the impossibility of an accidental death of a wrestling fan mistaken for a gang member, lets review the facts.

The young wrestling fans who commonly use these hand signs are beginning to use them to show allegiances

Double J demonstrates a classic, "V" for victory!

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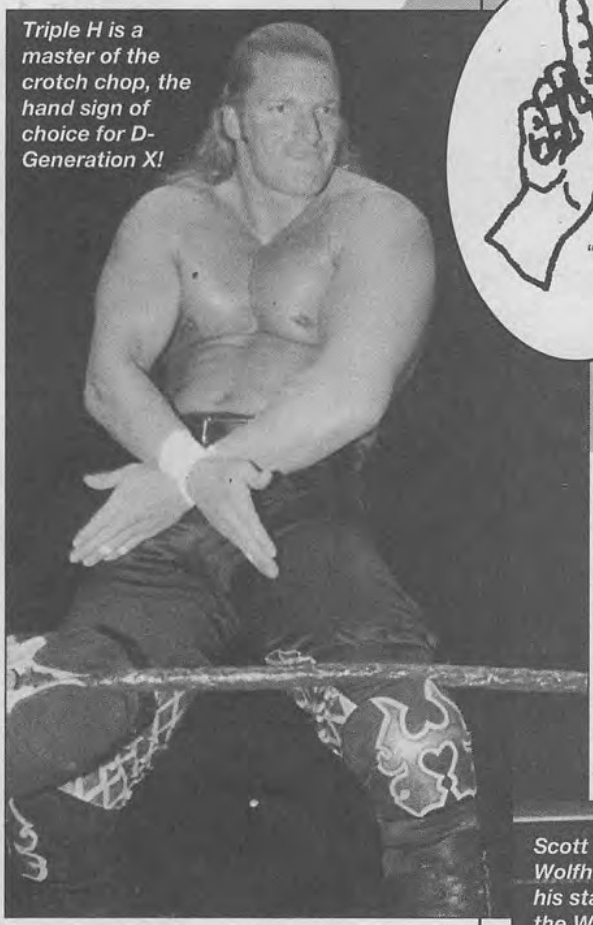
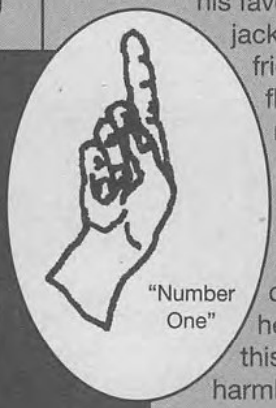
to their heroes while rough housing with friends in the school yard or when walking around shopping

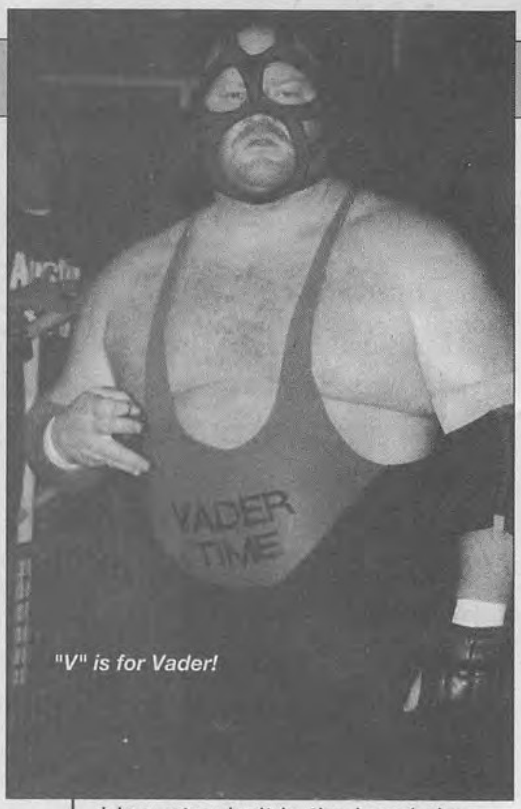


Triple H is a master of the crotch chop, the hand sign of choice for D-Generation X!



kid walks through the playground after school wearing his favorite Starter jacket. He sees a friend and flashes his nWo 4-Life hand sign. A member of the Crips is around the corner, and he mistakes this seemingly harmless gesture as a sign for the Bloods, their rival gang. Ludicrous you say? Well, it's a fact that there has been instances of deaf people using sign language in public who have been injured or even killed when mistaken for gang members. What makes wrestling fans any safer?

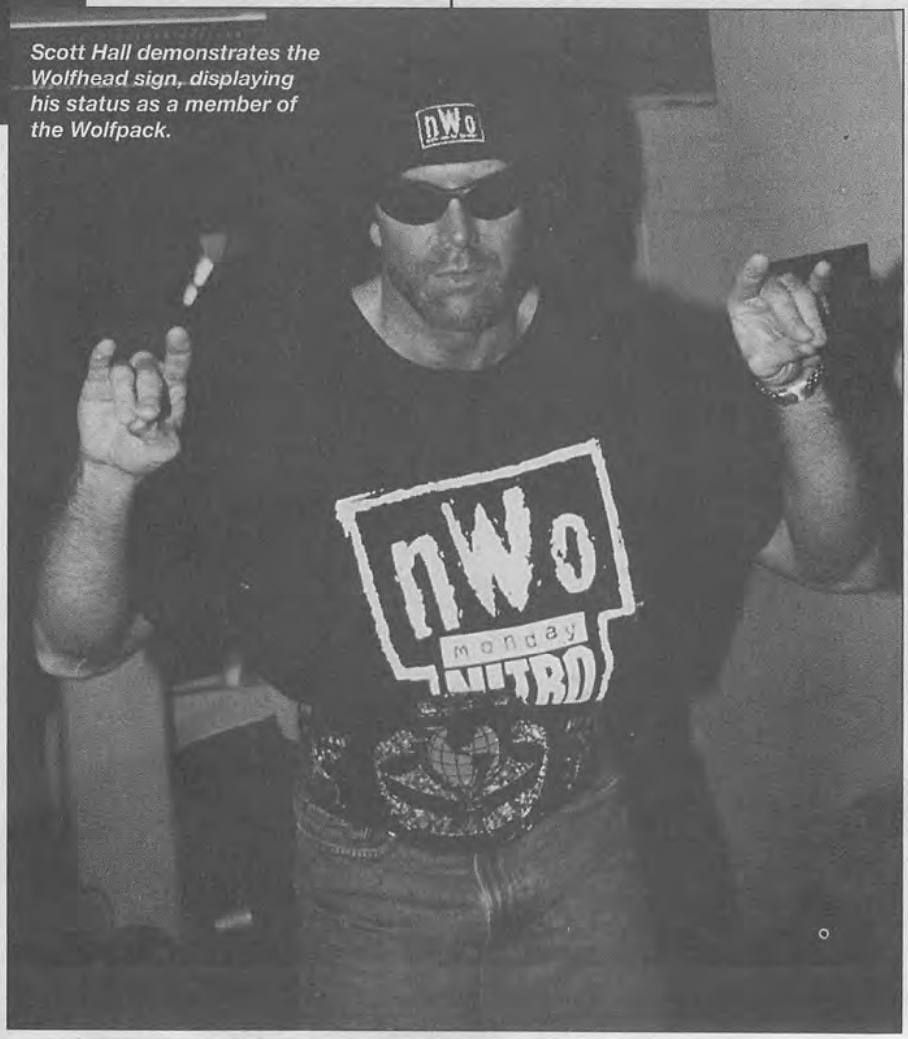
WCW seems to be the biggest culprit in the hand sign epidemic. It seems like every time you turn on "Nitro," you see another weird hand design in front of the camera. Diamond Dallas Paige, nWo, Harlem Heat. WCW paints a thug life of black and



"V" is for Vader!

malls. These same young fans are also fans of other sports, such as baseball and basketball, and they often wear the logos and insignias of their favorite teams on jackets, hats, and jerseys. Gang members often wear these types of licensed apparel as their "uniform."

Do the math, you simpletons. A



Scott Hall demonstrates the Wolfhead sign, displaying his status as a member of the Wolfpack.

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white gangs.

"I don't have the gang mentality, I don't know. I know if you put up one finger it makes people mad." Bobby Heenan told *Wrestling World* when asked about the danger. "I guess if kids know gang signs, they have that kind of mentality, well they're probably packing heat."

The WWF has tapped into the gang mentality with a gaggle of four-man units, generally containing three jobbers and one mid-card star. The Disciples of the

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Apocalypse, Los Boricuas, Nation of Domination and the Truth Commission all rely on gang-style uniforms and mentalities to gain popularity. It would be only natural for these "gangs" to come up with some quirky hand signs to gain popularity. But other than the Black Panther-inspired raised fist of the Nation, the Federation has resisted the temptation, showing that the "Titan Suits" are not willing to risk the safety of their fans for entertainment.

Many of wrestling's hand signs are effective at showing your loyalty to the superstar you came to see in the squared circle. They can be understood in any language, and any culture. But please, keep the hand signs in the arena and out of the streets. It just may save your life.

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in wrestling tells the world exactly what he's feeling when he flips the bird in the WWF ring.

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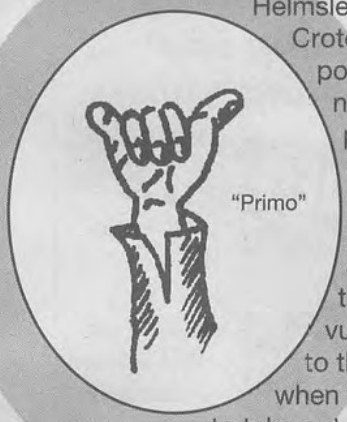

"Primo"

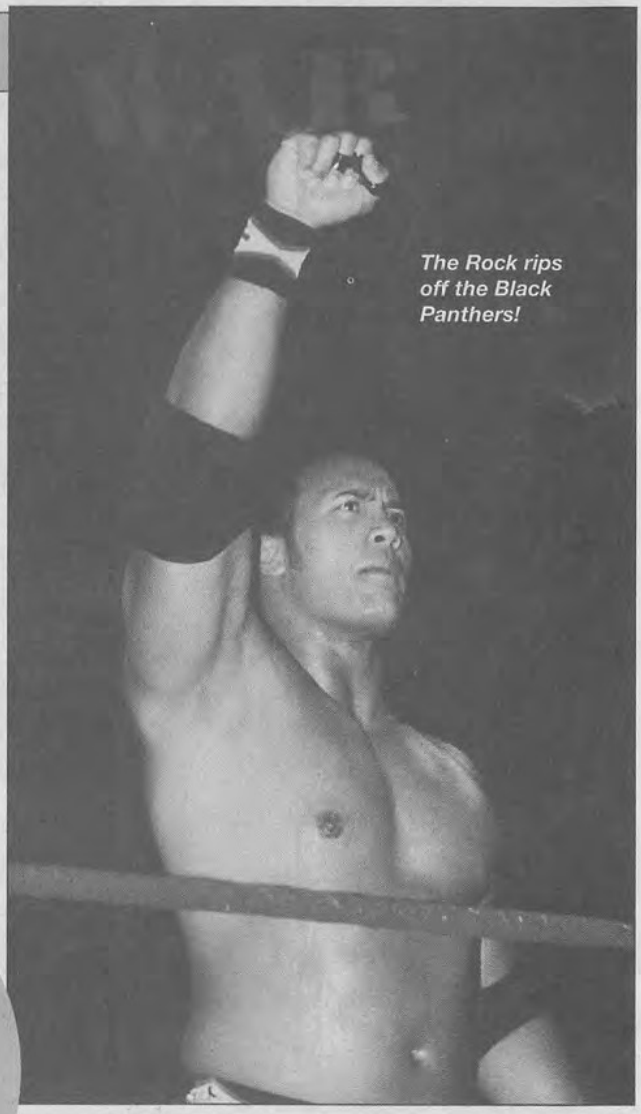
The Giant's "Choke Slam:" When the huge monolith raises his big meat hook and lets out that blood curdling growl, everyone runs for cover. But anyone else imitating the gesture looks like a pencil-neck geek.

Diamond Dallas Page's "Self High Five:" Whenever Diamond Dallas Page lumbers down the runway to his entrance music, he can be sure he will be met by an arena full of faithful fans showing their allegiance. But this intricate two handed sign looks more like a part of the female anatomy than a diamond.

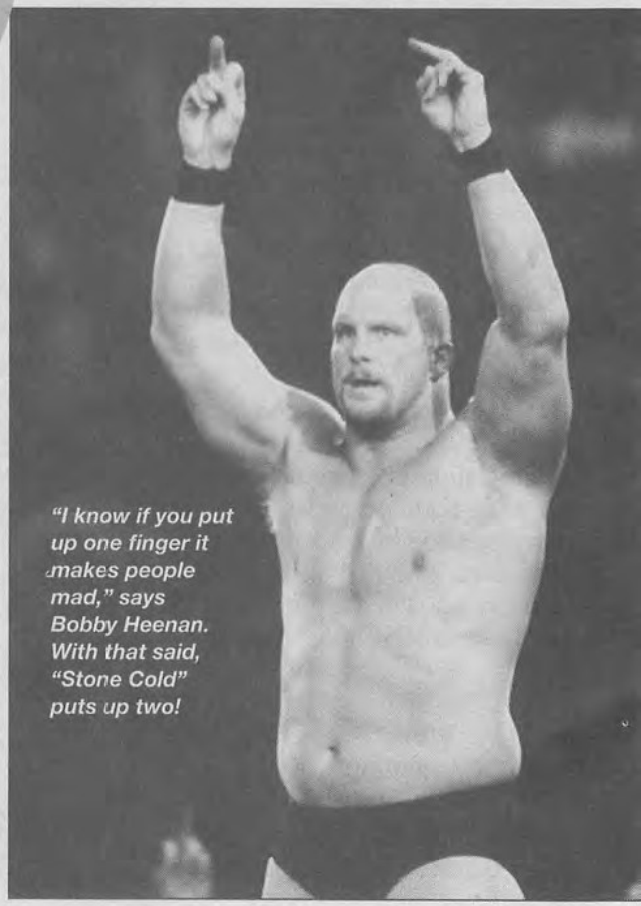
Wolf Pack: Made by everyone from Scott Hall to Hulk Hogan, the Wolf Pack sign from a distance looks dangerously like the Crips insignia. Don't use this one in Southern California.

Harlem Heat "Raising The Roof": takes too much effort.

Nation of Domination: The Nation's simple, one-fisted salute in the air makes a powerful statement, but it's a rip-off of the Black Panthers.★


The Rock rips off the Black Panthers!

Jimmy Hart and the Faces of Fear demonstrate a variety of hand signs in this photo.


"I know if you put up one finger it makes people mad," says Bobby Heenan. With that said, "Stone Cold" puts up two!

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Know Your Mat History!

By Ernie Santilli

HULK HOGAN constantly brags how he "made the wrestling business what it is today," and as obnoxious as Hollywood may be in his delivery, few with any knowledge of the modern mat scene will dispute the self-labeled "icon"...though some purists may posit Hogan's claim isn't necessarily something to be proud of. We're not here to debate the pros and cons of Hogan's influence, but rather to recognize who made the sport what it was prior to "Hulkamania running wild."

Although the n.W.o. leader may think otherwise, professional wrestling did have boom periods and key catalysts for said explosions before a certain Venice Beach muscleman ever walked into an arena. Wrestling evolved just like any other successful pro sport. And before Hogan ever became a household name, there was one man who personified professional wrestling to the general public. His birth certificate read "George Wagner." But to tens of millions fascinated by the new medium called television, he was simply Gorgeous George.

Wrestling had, of course, been around for centuries before Wagner laced up his boots. However, in the post-WWII era, attendance and fan interest hit a very serious lull. Promoters scratched their heads, wondering why the fickle public was no longer keen on the matmen being featured. The wrestlers were tougher and more technically skilled than ever. What had driven the fans to become so disenchanted with a "better" product?

The promoters may have been baffled, but not undercard performer George Wagner. He realized what the office boys didn't: that lengthy contests between generic, scientific tusslers did not cut it with the late '40s audience; Joe and Joan Public wanted to be *entertained.* And thus Gorgeous George came into being.

To understand George's impact, one must take into account what was considered "normal" at the time. After the War, America was a conservative country, conformity and "fitting in" of paramount importance to citizens. As odd as it may sound now, folks strived *not* to stand out. Consequently, the standard wrestler was a clean-cut, no-nonsense type in black boots and solid-colored tights. As, um, "different" as Dennis Rodman is in comparison to the typical NBA player, *quadruple* that to gauge the Gorgeous One's freak-them-out factor.

In an era when *women* didn't even admit to dying their hair and men wore ties to go for a Sunday joy ride, along came George peroxided, permed and perfumed. It isn't just flowing locks on which Wagner's legend is built, though; George was flamboyant from head to toe.

While Ric Flair was still in diapers, George sauntered to the squared circle in spangled robes, accompanied by a valet toting a sterling silver tray containing George's grooming needs. The valet often also carried an atomizer to "fumigate" the area against odors that might offend George. The majestic matman would toss gold Georgiepins--a play on words for bobbypins--so that selected lowly ringsiders would be "lucky" enough to have a souvenir of being in his nibs' presence. If you haven't guessed yet, George was a man fans loved to hate.

As if George's appearance and overall snooty attitude weren't enough, here's the topper: Gorgeous George was a wrestler who hated to be touched! Even the slightest brush by a ref during pre-match instructions would have George bellowing "Get your filthy hands off me" and reeling away from the official like he had just been scraped with the working end of a pooper scooper. George's aversion to the "germs" carried by commoners was so extreme, between rounds of best-of-three matches, he would sometimes take deep breaths out of a canister marked "Florida air"!!!

Gorgeous George was the original showman-style grappler, the first rainbow in what was previously a black-and-white world. Did it matter that he was not the most proficient grappler? Not one bit to those who tuned in faithfully to see what sort of antics George would be up to next. George's popularity was unmatched and as his fame and fortune grew, others quickly adopted entertainment-oriented personae.

In its infancy, television turned to wrestling, and both art forms prospered tremendously from the relationship. George delivered astounding ratings and thereby put TV on the map; TV in turn transformed a fading sport into a multi-million dollar industry. On top of everything else, George totally redefined the perception of how a wrestler looked and acted. So, Mr. Hogan, you may be responsible for the condition of the business since the early '80s, but that business in its current form wouldn't even have **existed** if it weren't for the trail blazed by Gorgeous George a half-century ago.★

EASTERN

Val Venis kicks back with his favorite girls, Miss Sydney (left) and Miss Patrice, who know exactly why the WWF's newcomer is the biggest attraction in the Federation!

VAL VENIS thinks that he is God's gift to women. He may be arrogant and obnoxious, but so far he has never been seen without being accompanied by beautiful women! Two of his favorites are Miss Patrice and Miss Sydney, a stunning blonde and a fetching brunette, both of whom possess hourglass figures. (What time is it, anyway?)

The two beauties joined Venis for a series of interviews that he did for the WWF, but unfortunately, most of the video version of the tapes are too racy for television airing!

What is it about the WWF grappler that the girls find so attractive?

"I think he's adorable," said Miss Patrice. "He is big in the right places and, oh, yeah, he has great eyes," she added.

Miss Sydney said, "Val is a dreamboat. He's my fantasy come to life--what a body!"

"You hear that?" Venis asked. "I can't help that women love me. But I don't love all women back! They have to have outstanding bodies like Patrice and Sydney, or else--be gone!" the pompous wrestler said.

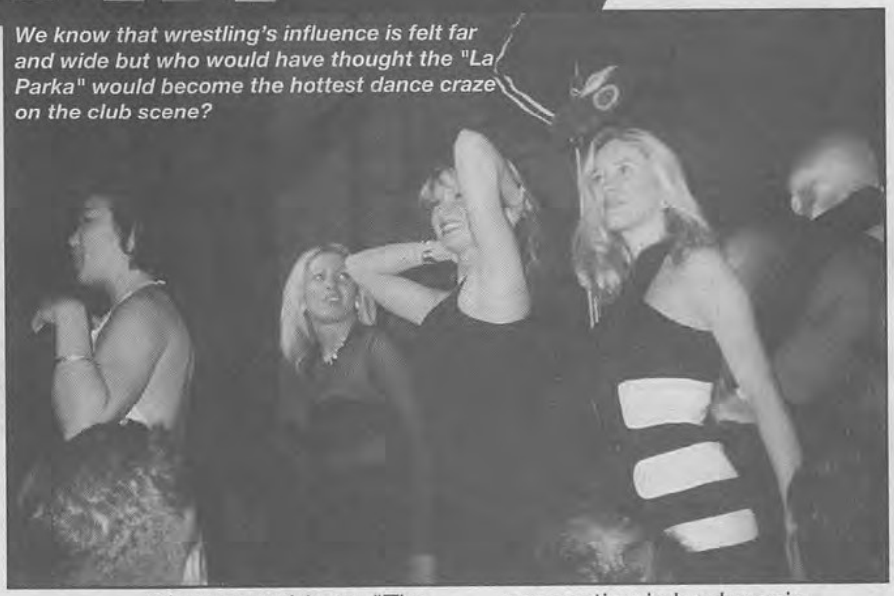
"Next time I'm in New York, I'll go to Scores (that up-scale gentleman's club on 60th Street frequented by celebrities) and check it out. I heard from Shawn Michaels that they have the kind of women that I like: beautiful, bodacious and busty!"...

Masked Mexican La Parka may be a rule-breaker in the ring. He may be booed by those in the stands, and he may be hated by his fellow Mexican Luchadores who despise his tactics, but despite all of that, the "La Parka Dance" that he performs in the ring is catching on at the dance clubs! Club kids in Boston, New

Stuck Mojo band members hang with up-and-coming WCW stars Dale Torborg (second from left) and Johnny Swinger (right).

REPORT

By
Al Tessitore



We know that wrestling's influence is felt far and wide but who would have thought the "La Parka" would become the hottest dance craze on the club scene?

York and Philadelphia are imitating La Parka's steps on the dance floor! It's hard to describe, but you will know it when you see it....

Vince McMahon, Jr. treated 2,000 inner city kids to a special day at the live show, "The Wizard of Oz" at the Madison Square Garden Theatre starring Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch and show-biz legend Mickey Rooney as the Wizard....

Wrestling writer/photographer Blackjack Brown held another one of his amazing parties which the wrestlers never fail to attend. The party was held at the new hot-spot restaurant in Manhattan, Brunelli's on York Avenue and 76th Street. The scrumptious Italian fare has been the talk of all the boys since that night. I expect to see all the wrestlers and their giant appetites back at Brunelli's when they return to the Big Apple....

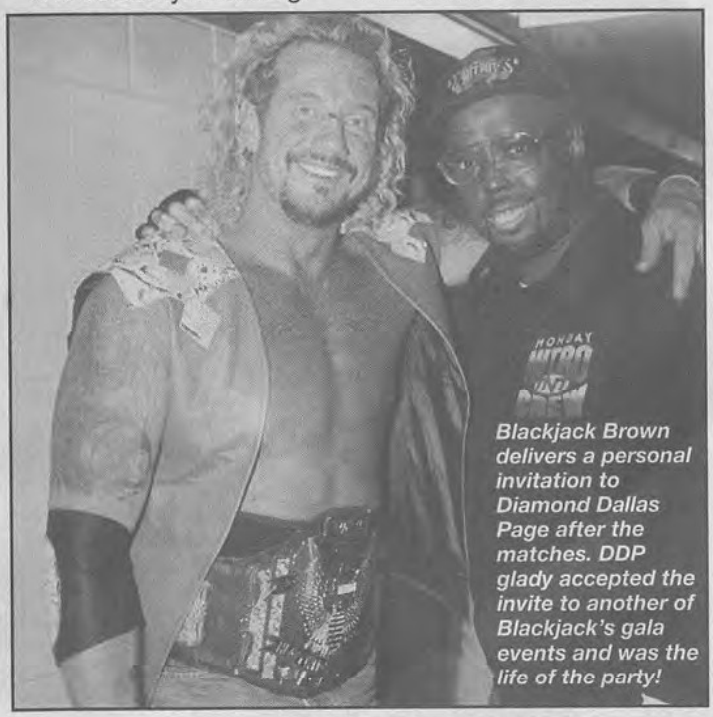
Recently, "Palm Beach Babylon" author Murray Weiss was surprised at who he saw while browsing at a famous Madison Avenue Art Gallery, normally the denizen of the extremely cultured and the extremely rich: wrestling bad guy George "The Animal" Steele! "Many might be surprised, but he has great taste in fine art," Weiss said. "The odds are good that he can read, so maybe I will send him a copy of my book!"...

Howard Stern Show regular Steve Grillo is the associate director on an upcoming film being shot in North Carolina. The action adventure movie will feature wrestlers Sunny Beach, Bam Bam Bigelow and Kendall Windham. Don't worry Steve, the big guy follows instructions well, we think!...

Italian Giant Primo Carnera the Third flew back from Japan, where he is undefeated on his last tour, to meet with promoters to discuss his future. Big things are expected from the Big Man who is a sensation in the Orient....

Journalist Chaunce Hayden of "Steppin Out" magazine went to the Baltimore "Nitro" show and interviewed Hulk Hogan for an upcoming issue. "This is the second time that I have interviewed the Hulkster," Chaunce told me. "The first time was in 1993 after that amazing WrestleMania, and this time I'm talking to him about the amazing ratings success of 'Monday Nitro!'"...

The celebrity/wrestling connection is back again. In the late '80s it was cool to be seen at a WWF event. Judging from the last WWF show at Madison Square Garden in New York City those days are back. Among the notables in atten-



Blackjack Brown delivers a personal invitation to Diamond Dallas Page after the matches. DDP glady accepted the invite to another of Blackjack's gala events and was the life of the party!

dance: actors Chuck Norris and Jeff Fahey; hockey star Brian Leetch; baseball stars Kelly Stinnett and T.J. Matthews; E! Channel producer Mike Gange, Scores girls Tanya, Morgan and Chloe; *New York Post* writers Larry Celona and Phil Messing; rock star Adam Bomb; comedian Colt Forty Feinberg; boxer Larry Holmes; and Ultimate fighter Igor Zangiev....

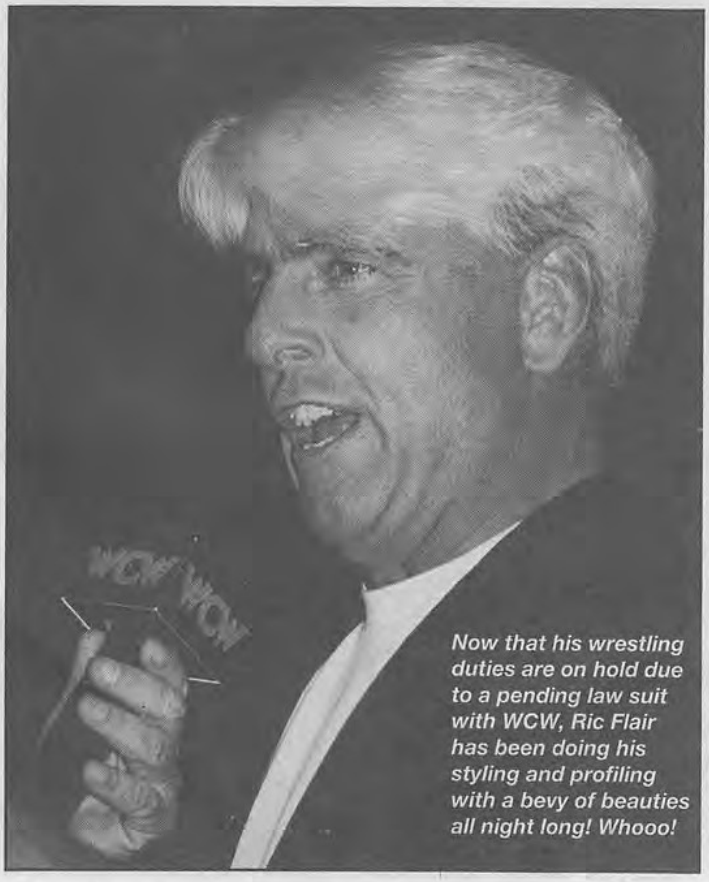
Wrestling fashion plate Ric Flair dining with five female fashion models at Mary Lou's on 9th Street in Greenwich Village. After a great dinner and despite the late hour, the group told owner Mary Lou Barrata that they were going to go shopping!...

Los Boricuas leader Savio Vega is a big baseball fan. He caught a Saturday afternoon Boston Red Sox game before he wrestled at that evening's show at the Fleet Center in Beantown....

John Diamond is one of the top stars of the Eastern independent scene. The muscular grappler has scouts from both the WWF and the WCW watching him. He has teamed with The Outlaws, forming a three-man unit that is undefeated. As a solo wrestler he has victories over Koko B. Ware, The Enforcer and Jimmy Valiant....

Steve Austin merchandise sales have smashed all previous records in the WWF. Since Austin turned champion, he has almost outsold the next 10 stars in the rankings combined!...

Savio Vega knows how to unwind when he's not in the ring! Here he is seen out on the town with good pals Steve (left) and Tanya.



Now that his wrestling duties are on hold due to a pending law suit with WCW, Ric Flair has been doing his styling and profiling with a bevy of beauties all night long! Whooo!

Bret Hart's knees are acting up again. He has been wrestling despite the pain, but doctors are urging him to take some time off and undergo surgery and rehab. It could take him away from the mat wars for up to eight months! So far, Bret has resisted the advice....

Lex Luger is in the market for a rare British sports car, a 1955 Austin Healy. "I would not drive it in the city, but I must find one in good condition," Luger said. Other wrestling stars who have automobile collections include: "Hot Rod" Roddy Piper; Animal of L.O.D. 2000; and Tommy Rogers. The Honky Tonk Man has a dozen vintage pink Cadillacs, and Hulk Hogan collects Harley Davidson motorcycles....

Little person Marty Klebba has issued a challenge to the wrestling world. "My stable of wrestlers could beat any of the stars in the so-called big leagues," he screamed. The 4'1"tall dynamo told me that he has turned down offers from the major promotions because he likes the freedom that being an independent manager with a stable of bad guys brings. "If I want to go to Europe and have my men beat everyone up, I can do that without getting permission from any league president," he said. "If I think the competition starts to stink, we can fly to Africa or Asia, or anywhere I say--you get my point?" Yes, we think so!...

Sid Justice is only a part-time wrestler during the summer months. He plays softball in three different leagues, and is quite serious about it....

This just in: Scores girls Ivy, Natalia and Tammy have all been asked to appear in a music video starring WWF superstar Hunter Hearst Helmsley, which is destined for MTV.★

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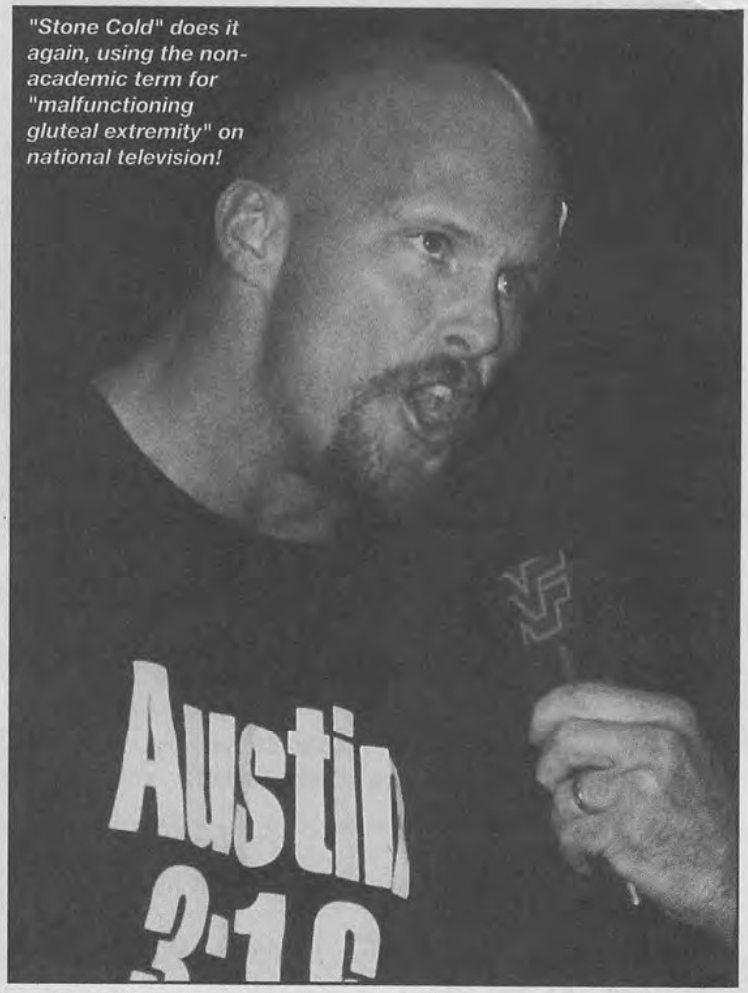
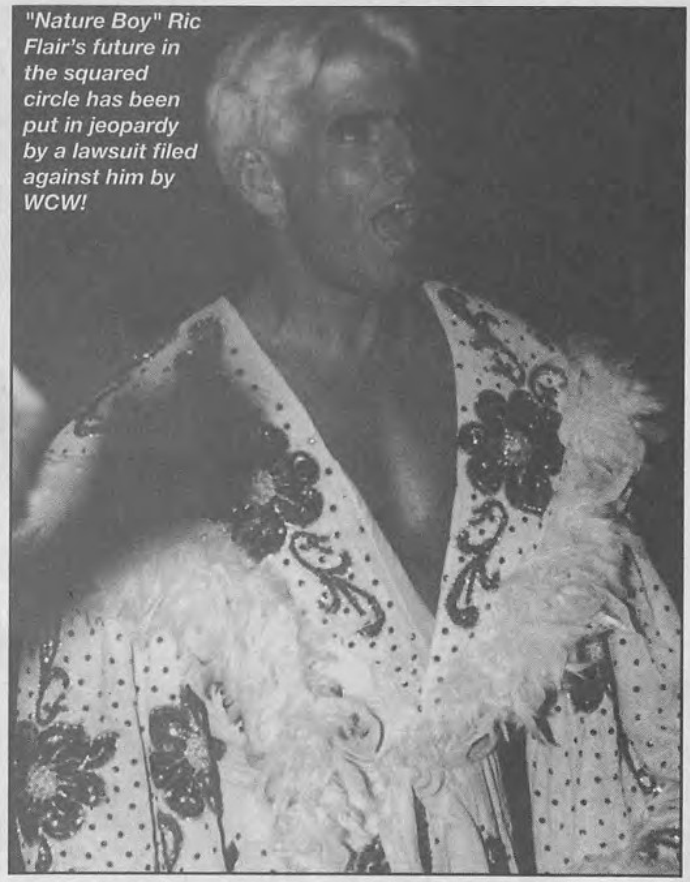


"Stone Cold" does it again, using the non-academic term for "malfunctioning gluteal extremity" on national television!

THEY call him "Typhoon," he looks like the debris one of those mega-twisters would leave behind, because he's got a lot of behind to leave. But they're calling him "Sir" here in the South, because he's been tearing up the opposition. A lot of guys complain that they don't get no respect, but that's not Typhoon's problem....

Did anybody watch the pay-per-view episode in which Luna threatened to rip all of Sable's clothes off and leave her naked as a Playboy centerfold right in the middle of the ring? I was going to order the show, but the local cable guy's old lady wouldn't let him watch it at home, and he said if he couldn't watch it his customers couldn't, either....

Speaking of spectacular ladies of the ring, Lisa "The Adjuster" is my heart-throb of choice, so all of you Undertaker groupies might just as well quit sending me your frilly unmentionables and concentrate on seducing the grave-digger. Lisa recently sent me some sexy undergarments, which I will model for her next time she's in town....



"Nature Boy" Ric Flair's future in the squared circle has been put in jeopardy by a lawsuit filed against him by WCW!

Here in the South, we're not exactly prudes, but we do rather prefer that the girls in our families not start using profanity before they're in junior high school, for which reason I'm inclined to believe that the WWF's "Monday Night Raw" is going a bit overboard.

The reason I say this is that I recently overheard my five-year old niece using language that would have gotten a guy tossed out of boot camp 30 years ago. Come to find out, she hadn't been watching MTV, she'd been watching the WWF show on the tube.

"Stone Cold" Steve Austin is one of the worst. I know what he thinks he is, but he might have the decency to use a more academic term, like "malfunctioning gluteal extremity."

REPORT

By South Carolina Williams

Of course, when you think you're good enough to pick a fight with Vince McMahon, the WWF's undisputed big cheese, maybe you figure you can get away with anything. And when you own the WWF, maybe you figure you can't lose a match, even in the ring, and even though you're about as athletic as a professional mattress tester.

The surprising thing about all this is that the WWF is now admitting that Vince owns the outfit lock, stock and attitude. The fact is, he has for years, but they tried to keep it under wraps so as to make his role as a TV commentator seem more legit....

Such modest deception pales in comparison to a recent scandal concerning an outfit headquartered here in the South; Atlanta, to be specific. Quite recently, it was disclosed that World Championship Wrestling had filed a suit against "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, alleging that he had missed several scheduled appearances, and that this had messed up what one news report called "...'story lines' planned out for the performances."

We were unable to obtain any official comment from WCW, and will certainly withhold judgment until such time as the matter has been looked into more thoroughly. But apparently someone in the Turner organization's front office has seen fit to deal the sport's image a rather severe blow by filing a suit which suggests that Ric Flair was being paid to follow a script....

They call him Pistol Pez Whatley, and this veteran grappler has been making a big impression on fans up and down the eastern seaboard. Pez has been on a lot of cards presented by New Dimension Wrestling, based in Greensboro, NC.

Typhoon is getting plenty of respect in the sunny Southland, where natural disasters are reckoned with on a regular basis!

NDW is no bush league outfit, by the way. They've signed up top names like Tony Atlas, the Iron Sheik and the Rock & Roll Express. According to the information they sent us, they'll be having a busy schedule for the rest of this year--and that's what it takes to make a success. Even the "big two" have to keep the road shows going to turn a profit....

Kevin Nash, one of the more notorious rule-breakers in pro wrestling these days, has added another dimension to his arrogance. He is now calling himself, "Big Sexy." Frankly, that sounds like the title character in a classic novel by Herman Melville. This guy can't seem to win a match without using his illegal "power bomb," and it's taking a big chunk of Hollywood Hogan's ill-gotten gains to pay "Big Sexy's" fines. The nWo needs to wise up concerning this prima donna; but then, they need to wise up about a lot of things.

Here in the South, a guy might refer to a lady as "sexy," but if he referred to himself that

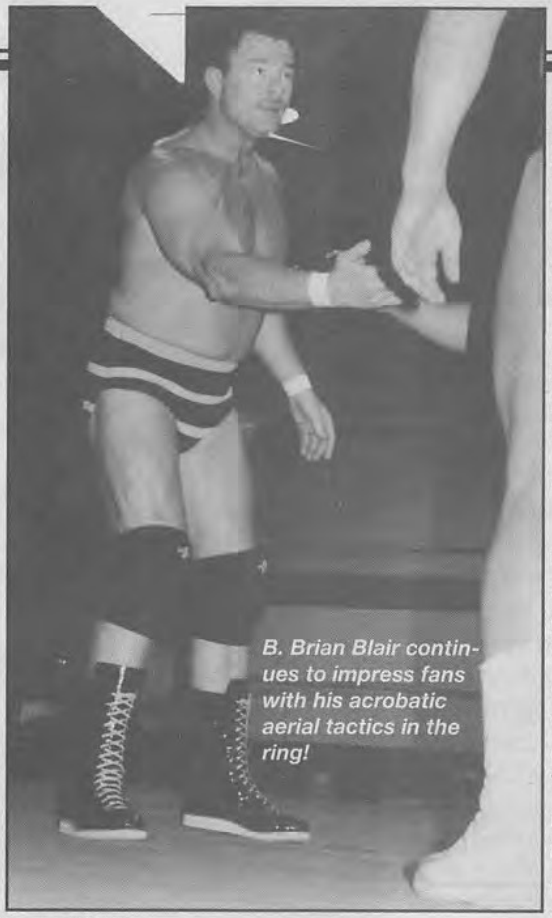
way, the other guys might start wondering if he was wearing lace on his drawers. Of course, the nWo is not exactly an outfit that: honors southern traditions....

An impressive outfit that's fairly new on the southern scene is the Florida Wrestling Association. Their champion as we go to press is Steve Keirn, a veteran competitor from Tampa who has a strange hobby. He hunts alligators.

Alligator hunter Steve Keirn is the champion of the Florida Wrestling Association so neither 'gators nor wrestlers are safe in the Sunshine State!

No, there's nothing strange about a good ol' boy from Tampa hunting gators; what's strange about the way Steve does it is that he gets a license. Every year, the Florida Game & Freshwater Fish Commission has a drawing and allocates a certain number of permits to hunt gators, and Steve only hunts the leathery reptiles when the state issues him a license....

Another southern lad who has been looking good around these parts recently is Brian Blair, who also qualifies as a veteran by now. Brian is a wrestler who makes it on agility and ability, rather than audacity, and that's becoming something of a rare trait in the sport these days....



B. Brian Blair continues to impress fans with his acrobatic aerial tactics in the ring!

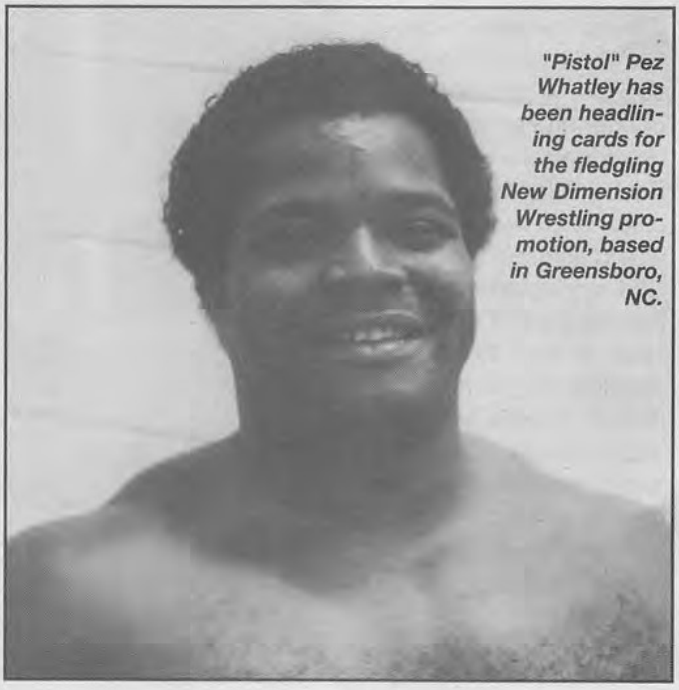
Someone from this quadrant of the country that southerners are not proud of is Percival Pringle, better known these days as Dr. Paul Bearer. Granted, managers are not the most favored figures in the mat sport; but Percy Pringle has taken things a little too far. He started out managing a weirdo known as the Undertaker, then moved on to manage an even more demented individual, Kane, who claims to be the Undertaker's brother.

In a recent televised debacle, Percy and Kane dug up the remains of the Undertaker's (and Kane's) parents, set fire to one casket, and pushed the Undertaker into the other, there to mingle with the remains of a long-dead corpse.

The last I'd heard, grave-robbing was illegal. I quite understand that the rules(?) are different in WWF territory, but the work of ghouls scarcely qualifies as a sporting event--or does it? After all, what's one burning casket more or less when you can't even start a TV show without blowing up a few buildings, and it takes more fireworks than a 4th of July picnic just to get one wrestler to the ring?...

There are still alternatives to such outrageous spectacles, of course, as we've already mentioned. Those promoters wishing to call attention to wrestling events worthy of the designation, particularly those taking place here in the South, can write to South Carolina Williams, PO Box 1772, Old Town FL 32680.

And so, until next time, be of good cheer, and save your Confederate money, 'cause the South will rise again.★



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MIDLANDS

OF ALL the fans on the globe, Midlands wrestling observers know better than anyone just how competent and dangerous Dan Severn is. The question everyone has is whether or not the powerful Severn can become a force and a main event performer in the circus known as the World Wrestling Federation.

Severn became something of a cult hero through his spectacular efforts in amateur wrestling and in the brutal Ultimate Fighting wars. Close friends with the likes of Terry Funk and all-time great Lou Thesz, Severn toyed with the pro grappling game once in awhile even though his true love appears to be excelling on the mat.

Eventually, though, Severn found the monetary rewards greater with the pros and knew the clock was running for him to cash in. A shoddy attempt to restart the old National Wrestling Alliance by several independent promoters produced one positive development--Dan Severn became the National Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champion.

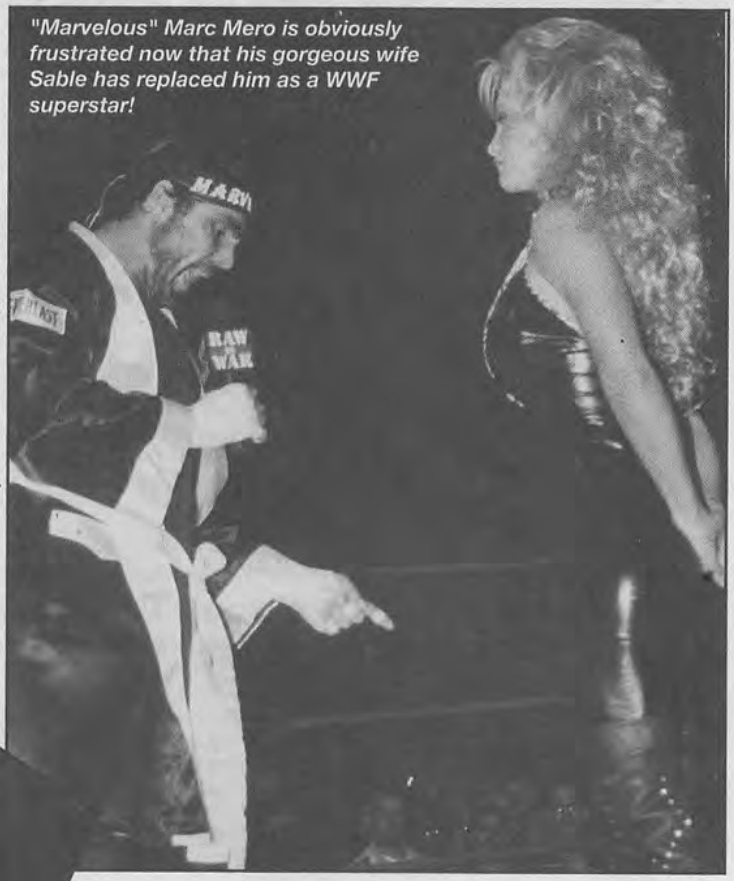
The Giant seems confused about his role in WCW and looks for advice in the "Bible" of the mat sport, Wrestling World!

Nobody could quibble with Severn's credentials, even if his matches were more technical and less acrobatic than much of today's wrestling. When Severn's old and bitter rival Ken Shamrock signed with the WWF, it led to the obvious conclusion that Severn would soon follow to cash in on the tales about his duels against Shamrock.

Thus, it has happened and Severn is part of the Jim Cornette NWA idea which has basically flopped, although it does eat up some television time for Vince McMahon's company. The key now is whether or not Severn can emerge from the pack and perhaps lure extra viewers or pay-per-view customers for another go with Shamrock.

To date, Shamrock has earned much respect and adapted well to the WWF At first, though, it seemed neither the promotion nor Shamrock knew how to get over just what a remarkable matman Shamrock was and is. The mix is working better, but Shamrock still hasn't clicked as a real superstar in the WWF.

Likewise, the early returns on Severn are that he needs to increase the intensity and the fire quite a bit. He is still a fish out of water. If the WWF pushes Severn to add a gimmick, does that make him more marketable or

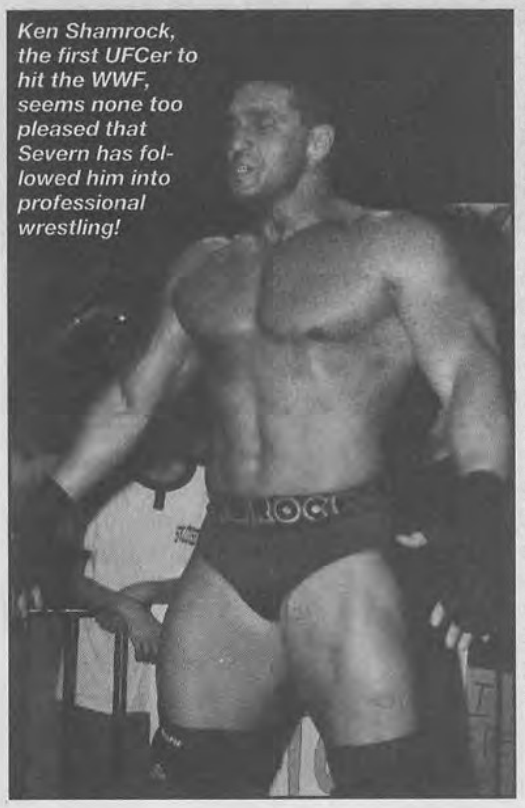


"Marvelous" Marc Mero is obviously frustrated now that his gorgeous wife Sable has replaced him as a WWF superstar!

Funk

By
Len Matthews

destroy the very credibility that is supposed to make him special?



Ken Shamrock, the first UFCer to hit the WWF, seems none too pleased that Severn has followed him into professional wrestling!

Many fans are excited about the prospect of another Shamrock versus Severn collision. Plenty of folks would love to see Shamrock and Severn test the likes of "Stone Cold" Steve Austin or The Undertaker. Everyone, though, must understand that the circumstances are different in the WWF and the type of battle to ensue is not likely to be very similar to what Severn and Shamrock have done before. Can they adjust to the WWF and can the WWF adjust to them?...

Nobody has to worry about how Terry Funk adjusts to anything, least of all the WWF Funk is 900-years old and his body has been broken 450 times and he has retired at least 200 times. Yet here he is, often stealing the show on WWF productions. Is there anybody smarter in wrestling today?

Remember that this guy was the National Wrestling Alliance champion in the 1970s, when the NWA meant something and he defended the crown seven nights a week in seven different cities every week of the month. While Funk can hardly provide the type of wrestling he did then, Terry has learned to adjust to his limitations and use his strengths.

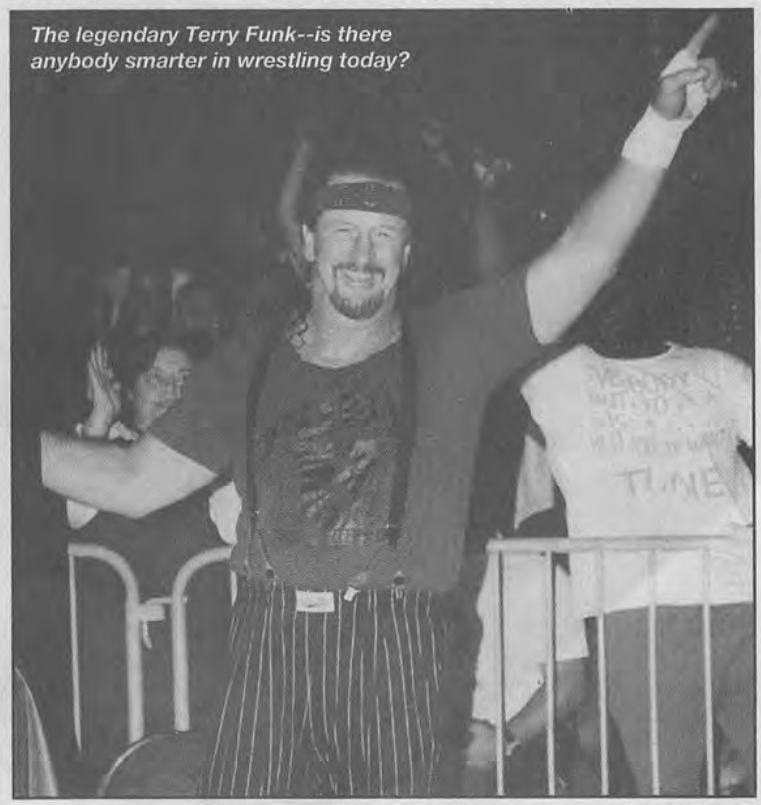
If the fans want comedy, Funk can do it. If they want blood, he can give it to them--his foe's blood or often his own because Terry never, never avoids a back-alley, knock-down, drag-out donnybrook. His interviews always have a colorful story to tell. His mind and experience are unsurpassed.

Perhaps another asset Funk has for someone like McMahon is that Terry is good in the dressing room. While he obviously has an ego (Funk should at this point!), Terry has himself under control and can calm many explosive situations just because of what he says and who he is....

Amazingly enough, who The Giant is seems to be a question vexing the often messy minds at World Championship Wrestling. Yes, The Giant is a star. Yes, he is a top contender. Yes, he gets great crowd reaction.

Now what the devil should we do with him seems to be teasing WCW. Usually patterned after the late Andre the Giant, this Giant named Paul Wight is now in a tricky position. Part of Andre's drawing power was that most fans only saw him once or twice a year. Therefore, he was fresh and usually placed in tag matches or Battle Royals before his eventual run in the WWF against Hulk Hogan. Andre was seldom in trouble or hurt.

Now, however, The Giant is usually on national cable television every week and has been flat-



The legendary Terry Funk--is there anybody smarter in wrestling today?

tened several times. Since part of The Giant's mystique should be that he is nearly invincible, this is hard to sell to the public when they see grapplers two-thirds of his size whipping on him.

The Giant has great potential that is now wavering simply because too much of a gimmick can kill the gimmick. And, face it, The Giant's gimmick is his size. The pressure is on both The Giant and WCW to figure out how to get the most value out of this amazing athlete before frustration and aggravation set in and maybe drive The Giant into the competitor's arms....

Is there frustration for muscular Marc Mero, who has clearly been replaced by his own wife as a top attraction in the WWF? Mero jumped from WCW and has gotten at least two pushes with character brush-ups that really have not moved him from the pack. When Sable is bouncing around, Mero could pretty much be wrestling a mountain lion and nobody would care.

One set of rumors making the rounds was that the WWF, short of respected challengers for Austin, was going to try once more with Mero to see if Austin against Mero would work on top. Really, doesn't everybody have the answer? Unless Sable is injected into some sort of angle, that seems pretty shaky as a headliner.

Therefore, Mero must be at least a tad out of sorts. A real tough guy and talented boxer, Mero has a reputation as a hard worker who wants to excel. Perhaps the hole at the top in the WWF will finally give him a chance to break through to stardom....

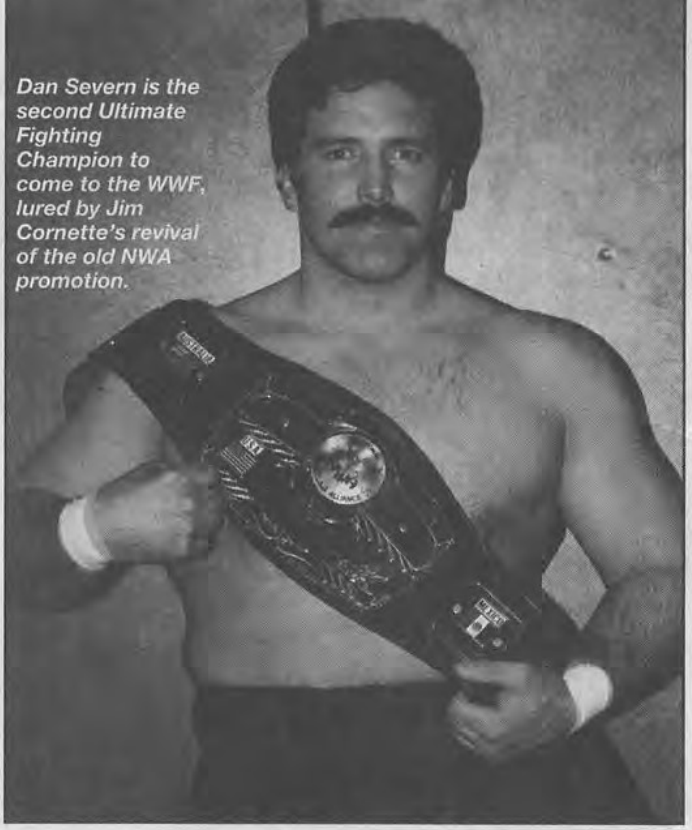
At another level, attempts are being made to revive the old Memphis territory and some television deals apparently have been put together. Reportedly, the WWF would be willing to send some younger and less experienced wrestlers to mix with those in the area and gain experience. Other attempts to do this in the past have usually flopped.

How can any new promotion carve out long-term success when the two big boys pounce on any youngster who appears to have potential? There are still some independent and most capable hands like Chris Adams, Bob Orton, Greg Valentine, Buddy Landel and "Butch" Reed floating about who could help give newcomers the tests they need to improve. Holding the package together, though, has proven most tricky if not impossible to do.

All those considerations probably make what Paul E. Dangerously (Heyman) and the ECW has done even more remarkable. Somehow this operation kept its head above water and is now running fairly profitable pay-per-views, albeit not at the level of or anywhere close to the WWF or WCW.

ECW has developed new talent (thanks due often to none other than Terry Funk) and recycled known names like "Bam Bam" Bigelow and Shane Douglas. By tossing away the rulebook and encouraging hard core action, ECW has managed to survive if not thrive.

But how many operators can pull that off? How many can be on pay-per-view? And how many can land the likes of Dan Severn when the time might finally be right to cash in or have the pleasant problem of how to maximize The Giant when he is stale? Midlands fans know full well what it takes to succeed in wrestling in 1998.★



Dan Severn is the second Ultimate Fighting Champion to come to the WWF, lured by Jim Cornette's revival of the old NWA promotion.

Chris Adams may be just the sort of wrestler needed to help revive the old Memphis territory!

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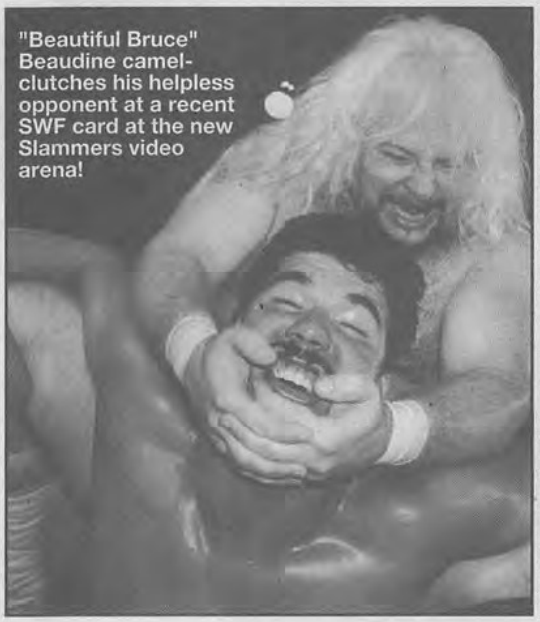
THE EVER-POPULAR world of professional wrestling seems to just get better and better, and definitely more exciting as the months go by. In fact, on the West Coast there are more independent promotions, showcasing the "wrestling champions of tomorrow," than ever before. Besides the "Big Two" of WCW and the WWF, smaller leagues have been promoting topflight cards, including Big Time Wrestling headed by promoter Kurt White; the National Wrestling Conference headed by Doc Martin; Slammers Wrestling Federation; Southern California Championship Wrestling; Pacific Coast Sports' All Pro Wrestling, American Independent Championship Wrestling and Incredibly Strange Wrestling. With all of these promotions battling it out, it makes for non-stop action!



"Beautiful Bruce" Beaudine camel-clutches his helpless opponent at a recent SWF card at the new Slammers video arena!

Slammers Wrestling Gym continues to lead the pack with its highly-acclaimed university of professional wrestling, "Slam U," and never skips a beat with national and international television exposure! A recent "picture clue" on the popular TV show "Jeopardy!" features "Iron Mike" Ehrhardt imposing his constricting half-nelson on Head Slammer Verne Langdon! Another recent screen credit for Slammers is Arts & Entertainment's celebrated "Unreal Story of Professional Wrestling" documentary which features many vintage photos, including extensive Gorgeous George studies by Shirlie Montgomery from the exclusive Slammers Museum & Archives. Now in its 9th year, Slammers Wrestling Gym features its own video facility for the production of great ring videos, plus "America's #1 wrestling school!"

Verne Langdon is the Head Slammer and Hombre De Oro Dean of Students. (Check out Slammers' highly-acclaimed instructional videos ad elsewhere in this issue of *WW*, and visit their great web site at: http://www.slammers.com) Incidentally, Slammers is no stranger to television, having been featured on every major TV network including CNN, HBO, NBC, CBS, ABC plus syndicated shows like "American Entrepreneur," "Entertainment Tonight," "Real TV," and many, many others.

Featured stars of Slammers in the SWF (Slammers Wrestling Federation) include champion El Toro Bravo, "Beautiful Bruce" Beaudine and "Movie Star" Mike, with new stars continually being added.

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Konnan has been creating quite a sensation recently wrestling for Mexico's AAA promotion!

Photo by Michael Mondragon

REPORT

By Allan Bolte

Slammers in *Wrestling World* magazine!)...

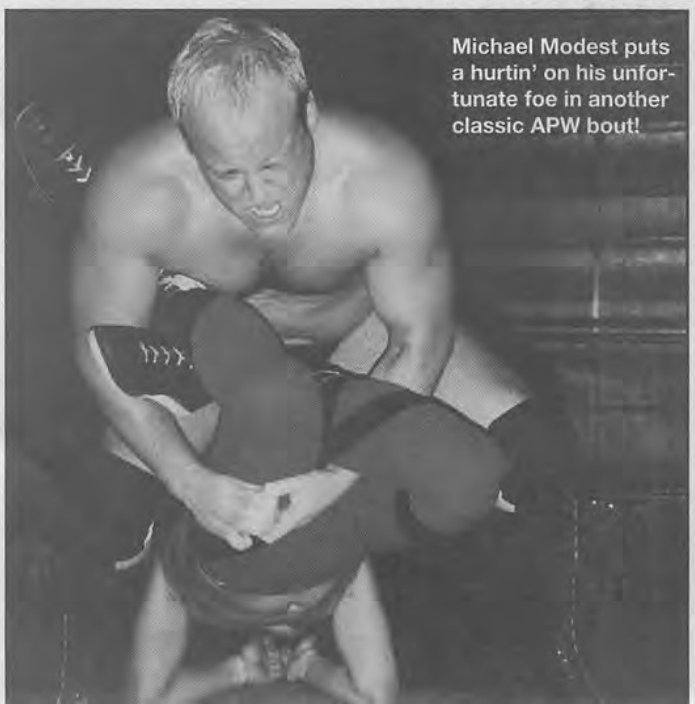
As reported in a recent issue of *Wrestling World,* manager Luscious Laura lost an arm-wrestling contest to rival manager Johnny Legend in Cudahy, CA. Per the contract, Laura was forced to go on a date with the bearded wonder. *[Editor's note: While we are happy to print an exclusive photo of that date, which took place in Hollywood, CA, we couldn't help but notice Laura's less-than-happy expression!]*

"Laura was thrilled to be on a date with the world-famous Johnny Legend. At the end of the date, she begged me to please call her again for a return engagement," bragged Legend. "I will try to fit her in on my busy schedule."...

One veteran back on the Southern California scene is the masked medic with his manager, none other than Luscious Laura! The Medic, with over 15 years of experience, is more than willing to tackle the competition in the AIWA promotion.

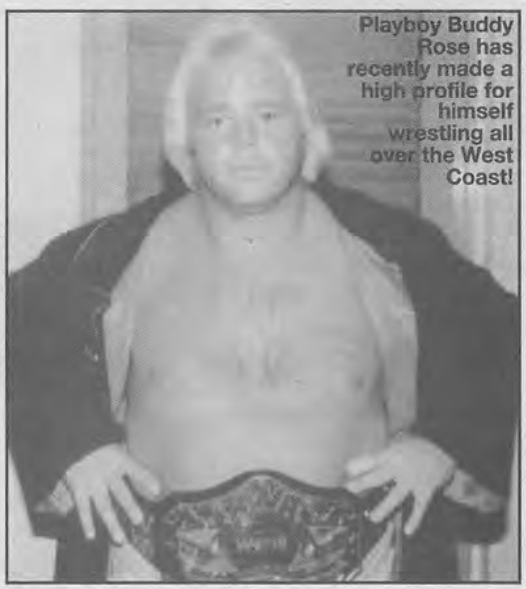
"I am a former AIWA tag champ in the early 1990s and have the experience and talent to get back on the top in this promotion," said the Medic. "With the addition of Laura, we are a formidable duo to be reckoned with."...

Pacific Coast Sports, run by Roland Alexander, continues to impress as a training facility for aspiring matmen. Both Erin O'Grady and Vic Grimes, who were trained at PCS and wrestled for the All Pro Wrestling (APW) promotion, have received developmental contracts with the WWF, and Robert Thompson received an offer from ECW. Michael Modest is another making waves in APW with a style similar to that of the late, great blond bomber Ray Stevens.



Michael Modest puts a hurtin' on his unfortunate foe in another classic APW bout!

Modest is a master at various holds and provides non-stop action whenever he is in the ring. Keep your eye on this rising star as he seems destined for international success!.



Playboy Buddy Rose has recently made a high profile for himself wrestling all over the West Coast!

For more information on Pacific Coast Sports' training camps or news about upcoming APW cards, call (510) 785-0311 and tell 'em *Wrestling World* sent you!...

Southern California Championship Wrestling (SCCW) is a new, extremely-exciting organization that we'll be keeping our eyes on. Kevin Kleinrock is the vice president of operations and has some exciting cards planned throughout Southern California, which will include such stars as 276-pound Texan Sheriff Jeff Hansen; The Samoan Kid, who has been featured in past issues of *Wrestling World*; 300-pound Big Pete Hatfield from the Appalachian Mountains; and good-looking Nick Beat, a 230-pound bodybuilder from Berkeley, CA who will do anything within his power to emerge victorious. Beat actually *enjoys* choking, biting, gouging, stomping and smothering his opponents into defeat and seeing them writhe in agony!

"We have a tremendous lineup of new, undiscovered talent," Kleinrock says. "Not too mention a few more experienced wrestlers. We have negotiated a deal with a California television station to air our shows weekly and feel that we will become a major operator by the end of the year."

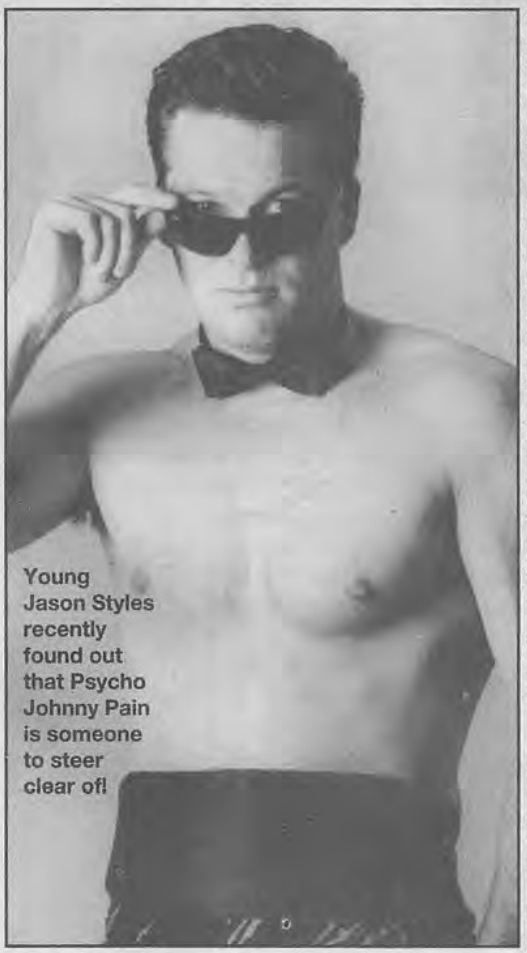
SCCW has an email address, so you if you want more information on training or upcoming shows, you can email them at: SCCWcom@aol.com....

In the San Francisco Bay area, promoter Kurt White is the force behind Big Time Wrestling and has flown in such greats as Playboy Buddy Rose, Greg "The Hammer" Valentine, the Iron Sheik, Honky Tonk Man, Koko B. Ware, Psycho Johnny Pain plus many more. White has been around the business for years and has a sports collectibles shop in the East Bay area where he often presents autograph sessions. This is a great opportunity for fans to meet the wrestlers, take photos and collect autographs. We'll keep you posted!...

Doc Martin is the promoter of a growing organization called the National Wrestling Conference (NWC) and recently drew a huge crowd to the historic Sacramento Memorial Auditorium for an exciting night of wrestling action. Jake "The Snake" Roberts, Valentine, Honky Tonk Man and others appeared in the refurbished building that was host to many great title matches in the late '70s and early '80s when superstars Pat Patterson, Moondog Mayne, Rocky Johnson and others wrestled nightly.

That night, Psycho Johnny Pain worked over his opponent, the handsome 6-1 Jason Styles, in an exciting bout. Pain's ring style is similar to that of "Stone Cold" Steve Austin in that the fans seem to love him though he often breaks the rules.

As the young and capable Styles found out that night, Pain is tougher than ever! He bodyslammed Styles, attacked him from behind, choked him, tossed him to a group of ringsiders, then used a steel chair on his head. Eventually, it appeared that Pain was actually going to help his injured challenger to his feet and, when he did, grabbed Styles by the hair and sunk his teeth into his forehead, opening a deep cut. Certainly, things haven't changed that much for Psycho Johnny Pain, who continues to rack up victory after victory....



Young Jason Styles recently found out that Psycho Johnny Pain is someone to steer clear of!

Konnan, although still affiliated with WCW, appeared recently in some controversial battles in Tijuana and Mazatlan, Mexico, wrestling for the AAA promotion, which draws some huge crowds. Konnan is arrogant and recently sparked a mini riot in Tijuana when he and others began throwing chairs at each other...and then the crowd joined in! Things eventually calmed down before the police arrived to restore order.

This is not to say that Konnan has to resort to those type of tactics to win. He has great athletic ability and has been around the wrestling world longer than some people think. Konnan has a black belt and is a master of the martial arts. He once turned down a lucrative offer from the WWF but could return to the negotiation table soon....

Dr. Mike Lano, "dentist to the wrestlers" and host of the "Canvas Cavity" cable TV show, recently completed taping a "This Is Your Life" tribute to Walt Harris. Many fans on the West Coast remember Harris as the original announcer of "All Star Wrestling," filmed in Oakland, CA from the early '60s until about 1971. Promoter Roy Shire featured such greats as The Sheik, Kinji Shibuya, Ray Stevens, Pat Patterson, Pepper Gomez, Red Bastein and many more on the show.

What kind of announcer was Harris? If you take the voice of Gene Okerlund and the personality of Gordon Solie, you have Harris! Now 76, Harris was thrilled with the tribute and our hats are off to Lano for successfully making the arrangements for another great show!...

That's it for this issue. Look for more news from the wrestling-mad West Coast in the December 1998 issue of *Wrestling World*, on sale August 18th! And don't miss our special "Stone Cold" Steve Austin issue, on sale July 21st!★

Manager Johnny Legend and Luscious Laura on the now historic date in Hollywood, CA! Don't get too excited Laura!

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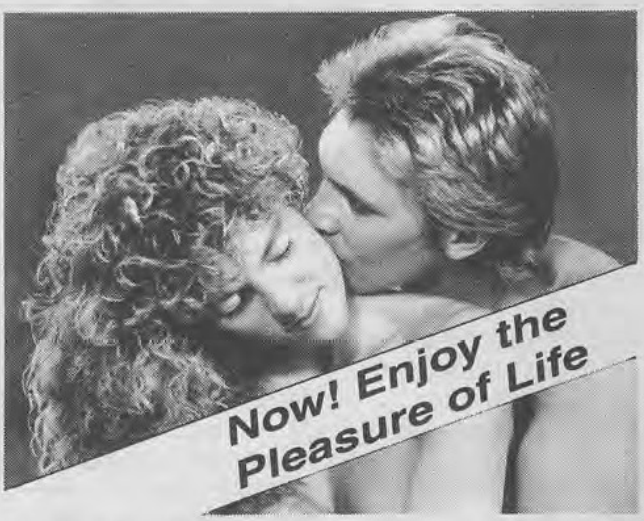

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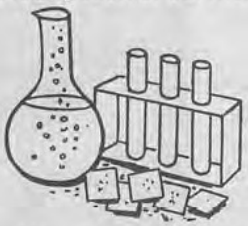

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JAPAN REPORT

By Akira Inoue

SUPERSTAR Madonna was here for two days to promote the release of her new album "Ray of Light." She had three floors booked at the Tokyo Hilton, with the top floor for just her and her daughter, Lourdes. She had an entourage of over 50 people. A wrestling source told me that the world famous bodyguard/security expert Howie DiStafano was heading her security staff. Former wrestler Bill Eadie is on the staff because of his knowledge of Japanese and the Japanese people (he wrestled here as the Masked Superstar for many years).

The former Material Girl (*former*?) received a visit from wrestling legend/politician Antonio Inoki who brought flowers....

Tough-guy Tony Devito has invaded Japan and is causing considerable agony to the rule-book-following local good-guys. "The rule book is written in Japanese, and I don't read no stinking Japanese," the insensitive grappler yelled at me. "I will do whatever it takes to win and I don't care what the fans think about my tactics. This is professional wrestling and if the fans don't like it, they can kiss my American butt!" Devito roared.

Stan Hansen is still the top-rated American grappler in Japan!

In Japan so far for only four weeks, Devito has angered almost everyone he has met. "The fans want to kill him," said wrestling authority Koji Yamawa and that officials are looking into ways to control him.

DeVito has registered victories in Osaka, Yokohama, Tokyo and Choshi. In a match against fan favorite Mikki Magowa in Osaka, DeVito refused to release a choke hold and Magowa went unconcsious for several dangerous minutes before the medics revived him.

The fans want him to go back to America. DeVito told me, "I like beating up people. I think that I will stay here until there is no one left to beat up. Then I might consider doing the same thing in the States!"...

In the middle of the ongoing Dude Love/Mankind/Cactus Jack confusion, Mick Foley flew over here to have two matches on consecutive nights against Primo Carnera The Third. Both matches ended in dq's when the giant strongman Carnera shoved the referee!...

The All Japan Women held a card in Ryu that featured the Masked Zaps beating Kumiko Maekawa and Momoe Nakanishi; Manami Toyota over Nanae Takahashi; Emi Motokawa pinning Noriko Toyoda; and Yumiko Hotta and Takako Inoue teaming to beat Miho Wakizawa and Kayo Noumi....

In Fukui a night of matches was put on by the New Japan promotion. Black Cat beat Tatsuhito Takaiwa; Akitoshi Saito topped El Samurai; Osamu Kido beat Hiro Saito; and Jushin Liger and Kendo Kashin bested Shinhjiro Otani and Koji Kanemoto....★

TOP 10 JAPANESE WRESTLERS

1. TOSHIAKI KAWADA
2. SHINYA HASHIMOTO
3. ATSUSHI ONITA
4. MASAKATSU FUNAKI
5. TARZAN GOTO
6. NOBUHIKO TAKADA
7. KEIJI MUTA
8. MITSUHARA MISAWA
9. GREAT SASUKE
10. MASAHIRO CHONO

TOP 10 AMERICANS WRESTLING IN JAPAN

1. STAN HANSEN
2. VADER
3. KIMALA
4. PRIMO CARNERA III
5. SCOTT NORTON
6. ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER
7. STEVE WILLIAMS
8. DAN DENTON
9. TONY DEVITO
10. ONE MAN GANG

TOP 10 AMERICAN STARS IN JAPAN

1. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
2. MADONNA
3. MICHAEL JACKSON
4. LEONARDO DICAPRIO
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1957 - May 7. Reds(Jeffcoat) at Dodgers(Podres)
1957 - June 4. Cubs(Drott) at Dodgers(Koufax) 1963
1950 - June 11. Gm. 1 of dh. Indians at Phila. A's
1957 - May 30. Gm. 1 of dh. Dodgers(Maglie) at Pirates (Law)
1957 - Aug. 31. Giants(Worthington) at Dodgers(Maglie)
1960 - Sept. 25. Yanks clinch pennant at Boston
1961 - May 30. A 7 Yankee homer barrage at Fenway Park
1961 - Aug. 20. Gm. 1 of dh. M&M homer. Yanks-Indians
1961 - Sept. 3. Mick hits homers 50 and 51. Tigers-Yanks
1962 - Apr. 11. The Mets first game. NY-St. L.
1962 - Apr. 14. 2nd home game Mets. Pitt.-NY
1962 - May 6. Bouton's M.L. debut. Mick belts 2. Wash.-NY
1960 - Oct. 2. Yanks win 15th straight. Casey's finale. Bos.-NY
1961 - Apr. 11. Angels first game. Los Angeles(Grba) at Balt.(Pappas)
1961 - Sept. 20. Yanks clinch at Balt. Maris hits #59.
1961 - Oct. 1. Maris hits #61. Bos.-NY.
1962 - Apr. 29. Al Jackson's first Met shutout. Phila.-NY
1962 - Sept. 26. Mets lose #118 breaking a ML record. NY-Milw. Braves
1965 - Apr. 9. 1st game Astrodome. Yankees at Astros
1963 - Sept. 29. Det. at Balt. Geo. Kell b'dcast. McLain.
1968 - Sept. 14. McLain wins #30. A's at Tigers
1968 - Sept. 17. Tigers clinch pennant vs. Yankees
1951 - Oct. 3. THE GAME OF GAMES. Dodgers at Giants in game 3 of playoffs. Gordon McLendon calls it on Liberty.
1968 - Sept. 15. Yanks witn 10th straight. Yanks(Peterson) at Senators(Pascual)
1970 - Apr. 18. Phils at Mets. Ryan's 1st shutout and first one hitter.
1970 - Apr. 22. S.D. at NY. Seaver fans 19, 10 straight.
1970 - June 28. Gm. 2 of dh. Forbes Field Finale. Cubs-Pirates
1971 - Sept. 30. Finale for baseball in D.C. Yanks-Senators
1972 - May 14. Willie Mays' Met debut. His 647th homer beats the Giants
1974 - Apr. 8. Aaron hits career homer #715. Dodgers-Braves
*1975 - Aug. 2. Billy's 1st game as Yankee Mgr. Cleve.-Yanks
1975 - Oct. 3 Hank Aaron's last game. Tigers-Brewers
1962 - Game 3 of NL playoffs. Giants(Marichal) at Dodgers(Podres)
1969 - Sept. 23. Mets clinch a Division tie vs. St. Louis
1971 - Sept. 30. Giants clinch NL West vs. San Diego
1971 - Game 4 of NLCS. Pirates win pennant vs Giant
1972 - Oct. 3. Tigers clinch A.L. East vs. Red Sox
1973 - Game 3 of NLCS. Mets win pennant vs. Cincinnati
*1975 - Sept. 22. Pirates win NL East vs. Phila.
1975 - Game 3 of ALCS. Red Sox win pennant vs. Oakland
*1976 - Game 5 of ALCS. Yanks win pennant vs. Kansas City
*1986 - Game 6 Mets win the pennant vs. Houston

THE WORLD SERIES

1936 - Gm. 3 Giants at Yanks. Gehrig playing.
1948 - Gm. 1 Indians-Bos. Braves
1948 - Gm. 2 Indians-Braves
1948 - Gm. 3 Indians-Braves
1948 - Gm. 4 Indians-Braves
1948 - Gm. 5 Indians-Braves
1948 - Gm. 6 Indians defeat Boston Braves
1949 - Gm. 1 Yanks-Bklyn. Dodgers
1949 - Gm. 2 Yanks-Dodgers
1949 - Gm. 3 Yanks-Dodgers
1949 - Gm. 4 Yanks-Dodgers
1949 - Gm. 5 Yankees beat Bklyn. Dodgers
1952 - Gm. 6 Yanks-Dodgers

THE WORLD SERIES (continues)

*1952 - Gm. 7 Yanks defeat Dodgers
*1954 - Gm. 1 Giants-Indians
*1954 - Gm. 2 Giants-Indians
1954 - Gm. 3 Giants-Indians
1954 - Gm. 4 Giants sweep Indians
1956 - Gm. 5 Don Larsen's perfect game over Brooklyn
1957 - Gm. 1 Milw. Braves-Yanks
1957 - Gm. 3 Braves-Yanks
1957 - Gm. 4 Braves-Yanks
1957 - Gm. 6 Braves-Yanks
1957 - Gm. 7 Milwaukee Braves defeat the Yankees
1958 - Gm. 2 Yanks-Braves
1958 - Gm. 7 Yankees defeat the Milw. Braves
1959 - Gm. 1 Dodgers-Chisox
1959 - Gm. 5 Dodgers-Chisox
1960 - Gm. 1 Pirates-Yanks
1960 - Gm. 3 Pirates-Yanks
1960 - Gm. 7 Pirates defeat the Yankees
1962 - Gm. 2 Yanks-Giants
1962 - Gm. 4 Yanks-Giants
1962 - Gm. 5 Yanks-Giants
1962 - Gm. 6 Yanks-Giants
1962 - Gm. 7 Yanks defeat the Giants
1963 - Gm. 1 Dodgers-Yanks
1963 - Gm. 2 Dodgers-Yanks
1963 - Gm. 3 Dodgers-Yanks
1963 - Gm. 4 Dodgers sweeps the Yankees
1964 - Gm. 1 Cards-Yanks
1964 - Gm. 3 Cards-Yanks
1964 - Gm. 4 Cards-Yanks
1964 - Gm. 5 Cards-Yanks
1964 - Gm. 7 Cards defeat the Yanks
1965 - Gm. 1 Dodgers-Twins
1965 - Gm. 2 Dodgers-Twins
1965 - Gm. 7 Dodgers defeat theTwins
1966 - Gm 1 Orioles-Dodgers
1966 - Gm. 2 Orioles-Dodgers
1966 - Gm. 3 Orioles-Dodgers
1966 - Gm. 4 Orioles sweep the Dodgers
1967 - Gm. 1 Cards-Bosox
1967 - Gm. 2 Cards-Bosox
1967 - Gm. 3 Cards-Bosox
1967 - Gm. 4 Cards-Bosox
1967 - Gm. 5 Cards-Bosox
1967 - Gm. 6 Cards-Bosox
1967 - Gm. 7 Cards defeat the Red Sox
1968 - Gm. 1 Tigers-Cards
1968 - Gm. 2 Tigers-Cards
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1968 - Gm. 4 Tigers-Cards
1968 - Gm. 5 Tigers-Cards
1968 - Gm. 6 Tigers-Cards
1968 - Gm. 7 Tigers defeat the Cards
1969 - Gm. 1 Mets-Orioles
1969 - Gm.2 Mets-Orioles
1969 - Gm. 3 Mets-Orioles
1969 - Gm. 4 Mets-Orioles
1969 - Gm. 5 Mets defeat the Orioles
1970 - Gm. 1 Orioles-Reds
1970 - Gm. 2 Orioles-Reds
1970 - Gm. 3 Orioles-Reds
1970 - Gm. 4 Orioles-Reds
1970 - Gm. 5 Orioles defeat the Reds
1971 - Gm. 1 Pirates-Orioles
1971 - Gm. 2 Pirates-Orioles
1971 - Gm. 3 Pirates-Orioles
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1971 - Gm. 7 Pirates defeat the Orioles

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1972 - Gm. 1 A'-Reds
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1972 - Gm. 6 A's-Reds
1972 - Gm. 7 A's defeat the Reds
1973 - Gm. 1 A's-Mets
*1973 - Gm. 2 A's-Mets
1973 - Gm. 3 A's-Mets
1973 - Gm. 4 A's-Mets
1973 - Gm. 5 A's-Mets
1973 - Gm. 6 A's-Mets
1973 - Gm. 7 A's defeat the Mets
1974 - Gm.1 A's-Dodgers
1974 - Gm. 2 A's-Dodgers
1974 - Gm. 3 A's-Dodgers
1974 - Gm. 4 A's-Dodgers
1974 - Gm. 5 A's defeat the Dodgers
1975 - Gm. 4 Reds-Bosox
1975 - Gm. 5 Reds-Bosox
1975 - Gm. 6 Bosox' Fisk's homer ties the Series
*1975 - Gm. 7 Reds defeat the Bosox
1976 - Gm. 1 Reds-Yanks
1976 - Gm. 2 Reds-Yanks
1976 - Gm. 3 Reds-Yanks
1976 - Gm. 4 Reds-Yanks
1977 - Gm. 6 Yanks-Dodgers - Reggie blast 3
1978 - Gm. 6 Yanks-Dodgers
1979 - Gm. 7 Pirates-Orioles
1980 - Gm. 6 Phillies defeat the Royals
1981 - Gm. 6 Dodgers- Yanks
1982 - Gm. 7 Cards-Brewers
1985 - Gm. 7 Royals-Cards
*1986 - Gm. 6 Mets defeat the Red Sox
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